

Greetings from the Dean

It is truly a privilege for me to celebrate with you the accomplishments of the University of Florida College of Medicine Class of 2020.

As a graduating class, you have successfully navigated some of the most challenging years in higher education, and through your dedication, sacrifice and years of hard work, along with support from many, you are now ready to embark on a new chapter. The success of the UF College of Medicine is measured by the excellence and impact of our graduates. You have continued this tradition of excellence and as our newest graduates are now ready to make an even greater impact on society. Cherish this opportunity. I applaud your commitment to improving the health and well-being of humankind, whatever road you may travel next.

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I would like to express how much of an honor it has been for us to have been entrusted with helping to guide and support you over the past four years. Congratulations to you and to all of your loved ones who have made their own sacrifices on your behalf. We are immensely proud of you, your accomplishments, and what you are poised to do. I wish you continued success and happiness throughout your careers.

Congratulations!



Joseph A. Tyndall, M.D., M.P.H., FACEP, FAAEM
Professor of Emergency Medicine
Interim Dean
College of Medicine

University of Florida College of Medicine Interim Dean

Joseph (Adrian) Tyndall, M.D., M.P.H.

Joseph (Adrian) Tyndall, M.D., M.P.H. is currently the Interim Dean of the University of Florida College of Medicine. He is a Professor of Emergency Medicine and has been the Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine for the last decade at the University of Florida. Dr. Tyndall is a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Medicine and the Emergency Medicine Residency at the University of Maryland. In addition, he received his Master's Degree in Health Services Management and Health Policy from Columbia University, NY. He served on the Board of Trustees of UFHealth Shands Academic Health at the University of Florida since 2010 and was also the senior medical school representative to the Council for Faculty and Societies of the Association of American Medical Colleges from 2014 to 2018. He is the current President of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians, and is a trustee for the Society of Academic Emergency Medicine Foundation. He served as the Chair of the College of Medicine Dean's Council for Diversity, Inclusion and Equity for over 8 years and also served on the first national Diversity and Inclusion taskforce of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

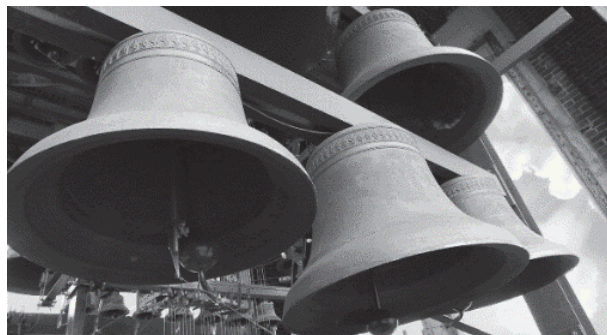


Dr. Tyndall has had wide-ranging academic interests in Emergency Medicine and was most recently invited to the editorial board of Emergency Medicine's premier reference text: Rosen's Emergency Medicine — Concepts and Clinical Practice. He has continuing academic interests in health services research and traumatic and ischemic brain injury and has lectured nationally and internationally in the field of Emergency Medicine.



Commencement Agenda - Saturday, May 16, 2020, 9:00 a.m. HMEB-South Learning Studio

Presiding	Adrian Tyndall, M.D. Interim Dean, College of Medicine
National Anthem	Ensemble from Class of 2019
Opening Remarks.....	Adrian Tyndall, M.D.
Student Address	Jared Freitas Student Hippocratic Award Recipient Class of 2020
Introduction of Faculty Hippocratic Award Recipient.....	Adrian Tyndall, M.D.
Presentation of Awards and Honors to Students.....	Adrian Tyndall, M.D.
Presentation of Degree Candidates	Joseph Fantone, M.D. Senior Associate Dean for Educational Affairs
Conferring of Doctor of Medicine Degrees	Adrian Tyndall, M.D.
Administration of Hippocratic Oath	Patrick Duff, M.D. Associate Dean for Student Affairs
Administration of Oath of Office to Military Officer.....	Patrick Duff, M.D.
Closing Remarks	Adrian Tyndall, M.D.
Alma Mater	Ensemble from Class of 2019



Keynote Speaker



Alma B. Littles, M.D.
Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education and Academic Affairs,
Florida State University College of Medicine
Professor, Family Medicine and Rural Health

Dr. Littles is currently the Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education and Academic Affairs at Florida State University. She completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Florida in 1982. She then remained at our university for her medical training, graduating with the Class of 1986. After finishing medical school, Dr. Littles completed residency training in Family Medicine at Tallahassee Memorial Health Care and was in private practice in the Tallahassee area for more than 10 years.

After this extensive experience in private practice, Dr. Littles returned to academic medicine, completed a faculty development fellowship at the University of North Carolina, and then joined the faculty in the Department of Family Medicine at Florida State University. She has been a fixture at FSU ever since and is now a Professor within the Department, in addition to fulfilling her senior leadership role within the College of Medicine.

Dr. Littles has received numerous awards throughout her career. The Tallahassee Democrat identified her as one of “25 Women You Need to Know.” Black Health Magazine designated her as one of the “Country’s Top 15 Most Influential African-American Medical Educators.” The Capital Medical Society presented her with its Outstanding Physician Award, and she was recently inducted as a faculty member into the AOA National Honor Medical Society. Most recently, the American Medical Women’s Association honored her with the prestigious Elizabeth Blackwell Award.

Dr. Littles is a member of many important national organizations, where she has fulfilled major leadership roles. She is widely sought after as a speaker at scientific meetings, and she is very active in her local community. In addition, she is a loving spouse and a devoted mother.

“Good Wishes” Message to Class of 2020 Graduates

Dear University of Florida College of Medicine Class of 2020,

Thank you for the privilege of sharing this historic moment in your lives and in the world! If there ever was a time that stepping up was necessary and essential, we could definitely say now is that time. You are progressing into a world that was not completely prepared to face a global pandemic where thousands of lives would be lost to a virus. You are progressing into a world where so many people are placing the blame on others. You are progressing into a world where people are afraid of the unknown. This may be scary for you. This may be terrifying for you. This may even have you doubting whether you have made the right career decision.

Let me assure you, you have made the best decision of your life! You may be walking into a world that is facing troubling times, but you are also progressing into a society where medical professionals are revered because of their bravery, their intelligence, and the daily sacrifices they make.

You have spent years, you have worked hard, you have studied and practiced for hours for this moment, and it – in no way – should be taken away from you. Do not think the sleepless nights, the listless days, and the fly-by weekends were in vain. They were not! Do not look at your education as having been truncated; you have been preparing for this for a long time. Instead of putting the finishing touches on your medical school education in clinical rotations these past two months, you have been given the opportunity to reflect on all you learned and plan a path ahead that will garner appreciation from your patients and admiration from your fellow residents and faculty. You are equipped and prepared to take on the challenge of your calling.

You were born and grew up in the information age, totally comfortable with electronic, remote communications. Who knew Facetiming family and friends would prepare you to finish off your medical school career? Think about it... Zooming is simply an expanded version of Facetime, so the shift to online education came easily. What did not come easy, however, was the separation from your patients and colleagues. Your patients need you! You have what it takes! You were created and destined for such a time as this. You are being called to action. Your time is NOW!

As you go forward, it is imperative that you understand the ABCs of this profession:

- **A**ccountability is a must. You must hold yourself accountable and take responsibility for every action. Your integrity must be unquestioned as you make daily rounds in your office, in the hospital, and even in the grocery store. You must remain true to who you are – a professional. Never stop learning. Make it a goal to be a lifelong learner as well as a teacher. Ensure that you are better person today than you were yesterday.
- **B**alance is key. Yes, you will have to become comfortable with being uncomfortable sometimes, but you must maintain a steady balance between your personal life and your professional life. Be respectful of your colleagues and patients’ concerns and issues, but be mindful and respectful of your family’s concerns and needs as well. Keep life fun, fresh, and full of vigor! Find the amusement in life, and visit that place often.
- **C**ompassion is necessary. Always remember that you are human. It is okay to show your humanity. It is essential to stay in touch with your empathic nature. Your patients won’t always be looking for the superhero in the exam room. They will be looking for the nurturing, caring, and understanding human who will help them through difficult times and teach them how to stay healthy.

As you can see, you have everything you need to be the best physicians this world has ever seen. You are equipped and prepared to take on the challenge of your calling. You can and will make a difference. I await the day I get to read or hear about you discovering the cure for complex cancers or the remedy for this Coronavirus or even a new discovery of assistive technology for disabled and elderly patients. You have it in you! What was once your dream has now become your reality. Step out, go forth, and be great!

University of Florida College of Medicine Class of 2020, I congratulate each of you on your accomplishments and welcome you as colleagues!

Alma Littles

Alma B. Littles, M.D.
University of Florida
College of Medicine
Class of 1986

Honors

John Gorrie Award

Established by Dr. Theodore F. Hahn, this award is presented each year to the graduating medical student “having the best all-around promise for becoming a physician of the highest type.”

Wayne Lee Dell

C. Craig Tisher, M.D. Faculty Award for Research

Established by the Executive Committee, this award is presented each year to the graduating medical student who has made the most outstanding contribution in research.

Andrew Benford Harris

Student Excellence in Medical Education Award

Established by the Society of Teaching Scholars, this award recognizes the senior student who has made the greatest contribution to the education of graduate students, physician assistant students, and other medical students.

Erika Michelle Wert

Graduation with Honors

The College of Medicine’s Honors Program recognizes students for superior academic work, outstanding research, and other special achievements.

Graduation with Honors for Academic Excellence

*Christian Anthony Archer
Wayne Lee Dell
Jaime Renee Fields
Johnathan Jacob Fraebel
Jared Thomas Freitas
Samy Sabry Gabriel
Benjamin Lynwood Judkins
Michael Schmoll Massari*

*Reagan Alexis McKendree
Mariel Marie McLaughlin
Rachel Sarah Freedman Moor
Anthony Dominic Sorrentino
Timothy John Stoddard
Courtney Caroline Swan
Peter Michael Vonu*

Graduation with Honors for Research

*Mahmoud Abdelrazak Aryan
Joseph Benjamin Black, Ph.D.
Jeffrey Joseph Chapa
Colleen Patricia Cowdery
Nathan David d’Adesky
Getasha Devi Doobay
Jaime Renee Fields
Samy Sabry Gabriel
Alaina Grace Giacobbe
Diana Christa Halloran
Andrew Benford Harris
Stacey Lee Kirkpatrick
Martin Daniel Laguerre, M.P.H.*

*Amanda Katherine LaPorte, M.P.H.
Jordan Alexa McKean
Tiffany René Miller
Rachel Sarah Freedman Moor
Alex Justin Nusbickel
Brooke Elizabeth Porter
Harsh Rashmikant Shah
John Cozzolino de Sousa
Steven Matthew Toffel
Lymaries Velez
Peter Michael Vonu
Erika Michelle Wert
Mary Kate Wilson*

Graduation with Honors, Continued

Graduation with Distinction in the Health Outcomes and Policy Pathway

*Samantha Anita Cresoe
Andrew Joseph Davis*

Stacey Lee Kirkpatrick

Graduation with Distinction in the Local/Global Health Equity Discovery Pathway

*Joanne Chellam Alfred, M.S.
Xiomara Bethzabet Brioso Rubio
Victoria Nancy Bouillon
Michael Dominik Dangl*

*Agatha Matsos Formoso, M.S.
Alaina Grace Giacobbe
Emily Leona Welch
Annalese Peta-Gaye Williams*

Graduation with Distinction in the Medical Education Track

Laura Marie Cline

Graduation with Distinction in the Medical Humanities

*Colleen Patricia Cowdery
Robert Ryszard Ratajczak*

Tisha Delise Van Pelt

Students Who Earned a Combined Degree During Medical School

*Joseph Benjamin Black, M.D./Ph.D.
Jonathan Joseph Cho, M.D./Ph.D.
Leslie Alexis Goldberg, M.D./Ph.D.
David Clifton Holden, Jr., M.D./Ph.D.
Amanda Katherine LaPorte, M.D./M.P.H.*

*Oyunbileg Magvanjav, M.D./Ph.D.
Michael Thomas Massengill, M.D./Ph.D.
Aditi Ghanshyambhai Patel, M.D./Ph.D.
Gerald Day Richardson, III, M.D./Ed.M.
Xavier Joseph Williams, M.D./M.P.H.*

Color Designations for Honors Cords

*Green/gold – AOA Honor Medical Society
Gold – Chapman Chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society
Red – Honors for Academic Excellence
Silver – Honors for Research
Blue – Distinction in the Discovery Tracks*

Department Awards

Anesthesiology

J.S. Gravenstein, M.D., Award for Excellence in Anesthesiology

Established in honor of a distinguished faculty member in the Department of Anesthesiology, this award recognizes a senior student who has demonstrated academic excellence in pursuit of a career in Anesthesiology.

Stephen Albert Tapia-Ruano

Keyana Jignesh Vyas

Dermatology

Excellence in Dermatology Award

This award recognizes exceptional academic performance by a student who is pursuing a career in Dermatology.

Jane Escolas Harrell

Emergency Medicine

Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award

This award recognizes exceptional academic performance by a student entering the field of Emergency Medicine.

Alexander Wesley Zirulnik, M.P.H.

Family Medicine

Excellence in Community Health Award

This award recognizes a senior student who is pursuing a career in Family Medicine and who has a distinguished record of community service.

Tisha Delise Van Pelt

Excellence in Family Medicine Award

This award recognizes an outstanding senior medical student who will complete a Family Medicine residency.

Brandon Bradley Herndon

Excellence in Primary Care Sports Medicine Award

This award recognizes a senior student pursuing a career in Family Medicine who has excelled in the study of Sports Medicine.

Christian Anthony Archer

Internal Medicine

American College of Physicians Award

This award, established by the American College of Physicians and presented by the Department of Medicine, recognizes a senior medical student for outstanding performance in Internal Medicine.

Jared Thomas Freitas

Internal Medicine, Continued

A. J. Block Critical Care Medicine Award

This award recognizes a student who has excelled in the care of critically ill patients.

Christina Waples Estes

J. Robert Cade, M.D. Memorial Award

This award recognizes a student who emulates the qualities of Dr. Cade—an enthusiastic student of medicine and life, a creative and caring physician, and a teacher and mentor for others.

Dorreen Danesh

George J. Caranasos, M.D. Professionalism Award

This award was established in honor of a distinguished faculty member in the Department of Medicine. It recognizes a graduating student who has displayed outstanding professionalism in caring for patients.

Savannah Saylor Liddell

Vishal Gautam Patel

C. Richard Conti, M.D. Excellence in Cardiovascular Medicine Award

This award is named in honor of the former Director of the Division of Cardiology. It recognizes a senior student who has demonstrated excellence in the study of cardiovascular medicine.

Stephen Albert Tapia-Ruano

Endocrine Society Medical Student Achievement Award

This award recognizes a senior student for excellence in clinical care or research in the field of medical endocrinology.

Sarah Rose Stern

Samuel D. Harris Award for Excellence in Pulmonary Medicine

This award was established by Mr. George Harris in honor of his brother. It recognizes a senior student who has shown excellence in Pulmonary Medicine.

Mahmoud Abdelrazak Aryan

Outstanding Medical Student Award for Excellence in Hematology and Oncology

This award recognizes a senior student for excellence in the study and practice of Hematology and Oncology.

Madeleine Eugenia Turcotte, M.Sc.

William Osler Award in Internal Medicine

This award is presented each year by past and present Chairs of the Department of Medicine, Chiefs of the Medical Service at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, and the Chief Residents in the Department of Medicine to a graduating medical student who has demonstrated outstanding proficiency in the field of Internal Medicine.

Sean Patrick Bliven

Neurology

American Academy of Neurology Award

This award recognizes a senior student for outstanding academic performance in the study of Neurology.

Alaina Grace Giacobbe

Neurological Surgery

Albert L. Rhoton, Jr., M.D. Neurological Surgery Excellence Award

This award recognizes an outstanding senior student who is pursuing a career in Neurological Surgery.

Rachel Sarah Freedman Moor

Obstetrics and Gynecology

American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists District XII Award

This award is presented to a senior student for distinguished academic performance in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology and for dedication to patient care.

Amanda Katherine LaPorte, M.P.H.

Kenneth Kellner, M.D., Ph.D. Award

This award recognizes a senior student who has excelled scholastically and demonstrated a sustained commitment to women's health care and to medical education.

Erika Michelle Wert

W. C. Thomas Award

This award was established by the Florida Obstetric and Gynecologic Society to honor Dr. William C. Thomas, Sr., of Gainesville, and is presented by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology to the graduating medical student with the most outstanding record in the Obstetrics and Gynecology Clerkship.

Kelly Maura O'Shea

Ophthalmology

Excellence in Ophthalmology Award

This award honors a senior student who has demonstrated scholastic excellence in pursuit of a career in Ophthalmology.

Nadine Latif Hamed

Orthopaedics

W. F. Enneking Award

Established and funded by the Musculoskeletal Oncology Fellows of the Department of Orthopaedics, this award is given to the graduating medical student who, in the opinion of the faculty of the Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation, shows the most promise of making a contribution to medicine throughout an academic career.

Vincent Paul Federico

Martin Daniel Laguerre, M.P.H.

Otolaryngology

George T. Singleton, M.D. Award for Excellence in Otolaryngology

This award was established in honor of Dr. George Singleton, former Department Chair. It recognizes a graduating student who is pursuing a career in Otolaryngology and who has demonstrated a sustained record of academic and clinical excellence.

Michael Pahl Gebhard

Justin Alexander Hall

Pathology

Dr. Sigurd J. Normann Excellence in Pathology Award

This award was established in honor of Dr. Sigurd Normann, a distinguished clinical pathologist and teacher. It recognizes a senior student who is pursuing a career in Pathology and who has demonstrated a sustained record of scholastic excellence.

Tiffany René Miller

Pediatrics

Dean Mitchell Baker Award

Dr. and Mrs. Roy M. Baker of Jacksonville established this award in memory of their son. It is presented each year to a graduating medical student who has shown excellence in the field of Pediatric Cardiology.

Joanne Chellam Alfred, M.S.

Hugh and Cornelia Carithers Award in Child Health and Human Development

This award was established by Drs. Hugh and Cornelia Carithers of Jacksonville. It is presented each year to a graduating medical student who has shown great aptitude in Child Health and Human Development.

Rudolph Lee Wells, II

Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Luther W. Holloway Award

Established by the Florida Pediatric Society in honor of Dr. Luther W. Holloway, this award is presented to the graduating medical student showing outstanding proficiency in child health.

Erin Barrett Bruney

Guillermo J. Perez Memorial Scholarship Award

Established by the Department of Pediatrics in memory of the late Dr. Perez, a former member of the pediatric faculty, this award recognizes a senior medical student who has demonstrated excellence in the study of Adolescent Medicine.

Xavier Joseph Williams, M.P.H.

Michael and Mary Solowy Memorial Award

This award was established by the family of Michael and Mary Solowy to recognize a graduating medical student for distinguished performance in the field of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine.

Macie Taylor Wilkins

STOP! Children's Cancer Hematology/Oncology Award

This award was established to honor a student who has demonstrated academic excellence in pursuit of a career in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology.

Samantha Anita Cresoe

Psychiatry

Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Award

This award recognizes a graduating senior who has excelled in the study of Adolescent and Child Psychiatry.

Amelia Katherine Watson, M.P.H.

Peter Regan, M.D. Award

This award is presented a graduating student who has demonstrated academic excellence in pursuit of a career in Psychiatry.

Lymaries Velez

Radiology

Excellence in Radiology Award

This award honors a senior student who has demonstrated academic excellence and exceptional clinical competence in pursuit of a career in Radiology.

Wayne Lee Dell

Juri V. Kaude, M.D., Ph.D. Medical Student Research Award in Radiology

This award honors a senior student who is pursuing a career in Radiology and who has excelled in research in the field.

Bhavana Pottabatula

Surgery

Dr. Robert R. Donahoe Memorial General Surgery Award

Established by the family and friends of the late Dr. Donahoe, an Orlando surgeon, this award recognizes a senior student who has chosen a residency in the field of General Surgery and who has exhibited superior skill and dedication to patients.

Kathleen Ruthanne Ehresmann, M.B.A.

Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Award

This award recognizes a senior student for outstanding performance in the field of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

Peter Michael Vonu

Edward R. Woodward, M.D. Surgical Award

Established by the Department of Surgery, this award recognizes the senior medical student who best demonstrates strengths of moral and ethical fiber, social consciousness, and the traits of intelligence, tenacity, and perspicacity.

Jordan Alexa McKean

Urology

Excellence in Urology Award

This award recognizes a senior student who has demonstrated academic excellence in pursuit of a career in Urological Surgery.

Joseph Benjamin Black, Ph.D.

Michael Schmoll Massari

College of Medicine Awards

Ibn al-Nafis Exemplary Medical Student Award

This award honors a senior student who is a member of the Muslim Medical Student Association and who has demonstrated excellence in academics, community service, humanism, and professionalism.

Mahmoud Abdelrazak Aryan

Dorreen Danesh

American Medical Association Medical Student Excellence in Leadership Award

This award was established by the local student chapter of the American Medical Association to recognize outstanding leadership and service to the organization.

Dorreen Danesh

Thorkild W. Andersen Award

This award was established by the Department of Anesthesiology to honor the department's first faculty member. It recognizes a graduating medical student who has demonstrated academic excellence and has made outstanding contributions to fellow students, the College of Medicine, and the community.

Macie Taylor Wilkins

Judy Duff Memorial Award

This award is presented to the senior student who best exemplifies the personal traits of Judy: selflessness, sensitivity, kindness, honesty, integrity, humility, unfailing good humor, and grace; who has shown a special interest in the care of young children; and who has demonstrated firm understanding of the maxim that, "Patients do not care how much you know until they know much you care."

Laura Marie Cline

Merck Manual Award

This award is presented to senior students in recognition of outstanding scholastic performance throughout medical school.

Nadia Surexa Cacodcar

Diana Christa Halloran

Office of Student Counseling and Development Outstanding Service Award

This award recognizes senior students who have made outstanding contributions to the well-being of their peers.

*Joanne Chellam Alfred, M.S.
Christian Anthony Archer
Anthony Alfonso Barrios
Reagan Alexis McKendree*

*Rachel Sarah Freedman Moor
Tisha Delise Van Pelt
Macie Taylor Wilkins
Xavier Joseph Williams, M.P.H.*

Okun Family History of Medicine Distinguished Scholar Award

This award was established by the Okun Family to recognize an outstanding graduating medical student for exemplary performance in the study of the history of medicine.

*Colleen Patricia Cowdery
Wayne Lee Dell*

Robert Ryszard Ratajczak

Deanne Barlow Romrell Memorial Award

This award was established in 2002 by family and friends in memory of Deanne Barlow Romrell. It recognizes the graduating senior medical student, identified by peers and faculty, who shows the attributes which Deanne valued in those who cared for her during her battle with breast cancer—professionalism, compassion, empathy, warmth, and sincere concern for the patients served. When Deanne spoke to the medical students during the second year oncology course, she stated:

“Your patients need to know you are there for them. I once heard someone say that physicians and health care providers should ‘not get too close to their patients’. I need to know you care...knowing people care means so much in my recovery. You have a chance—to make a difference in the lives of patients—now and in the future. I hope you choose to treat the whole person and not just the disease.”

Savannah Saylor Liddell

Student Excellence in Medical Education Award

This award is based on nominations from faculty members and peers and recognizes individuals who have excelled in teaching graduate students, physician assistant students, and other medical students.

Colleen Patricia Cowdery
Wayne Lee Dell

Jordan Alexa McKean
Rachel Sarah Freedman Moor

Student Hippocratic Award

Established by the Class of 1984, this award is presented by each graduating class to a fellow student who is a shining example in bringing unselfish devotion to family, friends, and to those, who in their suffering, depend upon him or her the most.

Jared Thomas Freitas

Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award

This award was established by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation to recognize a graduating student who has demonstrated clinical excellence, outstanding compassion in the delivery of care and who has shown respect for patients, their families, and colleagues.

Dorreen Danesh

F. Eugene Tubbs, M.D., J.D. Memorial Award

This award was established in 1979 in memory of the late Dr. Tubbs, a former resident physician in the College of Medicine and member of the Florida House of Representatives. This award is presented jointly each year to a University of Florida senior medical student and a Florida State University law student who have demonstrated excellence in their field and have provided exceptional service to their classmates.

Erika Michelle Wert

Scholastic Recognition

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society

*Christian Anthony Archer
Sean Patrick Bliven
Jonathan Joseph Cho, Ph.D.
Laura Marie Cline
Wayne Lee Dell
Jared Thomas Freitas
Alexis Victoria Germain*

*Diana Christa Halloran
Jane Escolas Harrell
Benjamin Lynwood Judkins
Michael Schmoll Massari
Mariel Marie McLaughlin
Rachel Sarah Freedman Moor
Timothy John Stoddard*

*Courtney Caroline Swan
Stephen Albert Tapia-Ruano
Madeleine Eugenia Turcotte, M.Sc.
Peter Michael Vonu
Mary Kate Wilson
Alexander Wesley Zirulnik, M.P.H.*

UF Chapman Chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society

*Joanne Chellam Alfred, M.S.
Anthony Alfonso Barrios
Laura Marie Cline
Seth Lauren Daly Stennis
Dorreen Danesh
Andrew Joseph Davis
Wayne Lee Dell*

*Jared Thomas Freitas
Michael Pahl Gebhard
Jane Escolas Harrell
Michael Dillon Jones
Ellery Maya-Altshuler
Sachoya Kaiya McDonald
Aditi Ghanshyambhai Patel, Ph.D.*

*Vishal Gautam Patel
Samuel Shingkwon Phen
Stephen Albert Tapia-Ruano
Erika Michelle Wert
Macie Taylor Wilkins*

Senior Class Officers

*Wayne Lee Dell
Macie Taylor Wilkins
Jordan Alexa McKean
Savannah Saylor Liddell
Yumiko Stephanie Nakamura (deferred graduation until 2021)
Alexis Victoria Germain
Sarah Marie Hergert
Laura Marie Cline
Jaime Renee Fields
Harsh Rashmikant Shah
Alaina Grace Giacobbe
Justin Alexander Hall
Jared Thomas Freitas
Zohair Shams Zaidi
Sarah Elizabeth Baker
Katelin Gow McDilda (deferred graduation until 2021)
Erika Michelle Wert
Rachel Sarah Freedman Moor
Stephen Albert Tapia-Ruano*

***Academic Chair
Class Advocate
AAMC Chair
Community Service Chair
Community Service Chair
Debriefing Chair
Debriefing Chair
Fundraising Chair
Fundraising Chair
Information Technology Chair
Intramural Sports Chair
Intramural Sports Chair
Medical College Council Representative
Medical College Council Treasurer
Secretary
Social Chair
Social Chair
Sustainability Chair
Treasurer***

Commencement Marshals

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David Feller, M.D.

Department of Community Health and Family Medicine

Amanda Maxey, M.D.

Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology

Peter Sayeski, Ph.D.

Department of Physiology and Functional Genomics

Awards to Faculty

College of Medicine Teacher of the Year Phase 1 (Basic Science)

*Amanda Maxey, M.D.
Anatomy and Cell Biology*

College of Medicine Teacher of the Year Phase 2/3 (Clinical Science)

*David Feller, M.D.
Department of Community Health and Family Medicine*

Faculty Hippocratic Award

*Ashleigh Wright, M.D.
Department of Medicine*

Golden Apple Award to the Outstanding Phase I Course

Hematology/Oncology
*Course Directors:
Molly Mandernach, M.D.
Marc Zumberg, M.D.*

Golden Apple Award to the Outstanding Clinical Clerkship

Anesthesiology/Critical Care
*Clerkship Director:
Christopher Giordano, M.D.*

Hugh M. Hill, M.D. Outstanding Resident Teacher Award

*Kaitlyn Melnick, M.D.
Department of Neurological Surgery*

The Last Lecture

*Maureen Novak, M.D.
Department of Pediatrics*

Military Commission

*Jonathan Joseph Cho, M.D., Ph.D.
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy*



Joanne Alfred



Christian Archer



Sophia Array



Mahmoud Aryan



Omar Awan



Sarah Baker



Blaire Banfield



Anthony Barrios



Joseph Black



Sean Patrick Bliven



Victoria Bouillon



Xiomara Brioso Rubio



Erin Bruney



Nathan Burriss



Nadia Cacodcar



Paul Campbell



Jeffrey Chapa



Jonathan Cho



Laura Cline



Alysha Colón



Colleen Cowdery



Samantha Cresoe



Nathan d'Adesky



Seth L. Daly Stennis



Doreen Danesh



Michael Dangi



Andrew Davis



Joseph DeCosmo



Wayne Dell



Getasha Doobay



Kathleen Ehresmann



Christina Estes



David Etter



Vincent Federico



Jaime Fields



Agatha Formoso



Johnathan Fraebel



Jared Freitas



Samy Gabriel



Michael Gebhard



Alexis Germain



Alaina Giacobbe



Leslie Goldberg



Lucia Gonzalez-Llanos



Laura Gordon



Joseph Guernsey



Justin Hall



Diana Halloran



Nadine Hamed



Jane Harrell



Andrew Harris



Christopher Henson



Sarah Hergert



Brandon Herndon



David Holden



Federlin Jean



Elizabeth Jean-Marie



Peter Jiang



Michael Jones



Benjamin Judkins



Stacey Kirkpatrick



Martin Laguerre



Amanda LaPorte



Chase Lewellen



Savannah Liddell



Oyunbileg Magvanjav



Michael Massari



Michael Massengill



Ellery Maya-Altshuler



Sachoya McDonald



Jordan McKean



Reagan McKendree



Mariel McLaughlin



Michael McLennon



Tiffany Miller



Rachel Moor



Brian Moreno



Alex Nusbickel



Mikaela O'Connor



Olushola Ogunlari



Kelly O'Shea



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Vishal Patel



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University of Florida College of Medicine Code of Ethics

As we learn and, subsequently, practice the art and science of medicine, we pledge to:

- Do no harm to our patients.
- Put the welfare of our patients above our own self interest and any consideration of financial gain.
- Be respectful of the wishes of our patients, consistent with our obligation to “do good.”
- Treat our patients with great respect and compassion, without regard to gender, age, race, ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation.
- Maintain the highest standard of honesty and integrity.
- Be fiscally responsible in our professional and personal lives.
- Be just and impartial in allocation of scarce health care resources but to always advocate first for the rights of our patients.
- Be consistently attentive to the need to protect the privacy of our patients and to maintain their personal health information in the strictest confidence.
- Maintain a commitment to life-long learning.
- Share knowledge freely with patients and colleagues.
- Maintain the proper balance between our personal and professional lives and nurture our spiritual, emotional, and physical well being so that we may better care for our patients and loved ones.
- Conduct ourselves with grace and humility.
- Act always in a way that brings honor to ourselves and our profession.

Class of 2020

Modified Hippocratic Oath

In the presence of family, friends, teachers, and colleagues, and in the spirit of Hippocrates, I pledge to keep this oath.

First, I will do no harm.

I will honor those who taught me the art and science of medicine.

I will remember with gratitude and humility those whose illness or injury provided examples from which I learned, and, in their honor, I will continue the pursuit of knowledge.

I will share my knowledge with future colleagues and all who are in want or need of it.

I will practice medicine with conscience and humility, and I will act with enduring respect for the dignity of human life. Foremost in my mind will be compassion, respect, and impartial care for my patients.

I will hold sacred the trust of my patients and respect the secrets that they confide in me.

I will not be swayed by greed, prejudice, or selfish ego in the practice of my art.

Finally, I will do all in my power to help my patients reach physical, mental, and spiritual health, and I will strive for this balance in my own life.

May I have the courage and character to hold these principles sacred from this day forward as I place myself into the service of humankind. This oath I make solemnly, freely, and upon my honor.





What Makes a University Great?

Some interesting facts about the University of Florida

Educational Excellence

UF is consistently ranked among the nation's top universities: No. 8 in U.S. News & World Report "Top Public Universities" (2018); No. 12 in the Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education list of Best Public Colleges (2017); No. 3 on the Forbes' list of Best Value Public Universities (2017); No. 1 on Value Colleges' list of Top 50 Best Value Colleges (2016); and No. 1 on the Times Higher Education list of best public universities for employers to find new hires.

Faculty

- UF has more than 5,000 faculty members with distinguished records in teaching, research and service, including 36 Eminent Scholar chairs and 45 faculty elections to the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, the National Academy of Medicine or the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
- Awards include two Pulitzer Prizes, NASA's top award for research, and the Smithsonian Institution's conservation award.

Students

- Ninety-seven percent of incoming freshmen score above the national average (1500/21) on standardized exams. Students admitted for the fall 2018 freshman class had an average 4.45 GPA and an average SAT score of 1370.
- The freshman retention rate of 96 percent is among the highest in the country.
- UF awards more professional degrees to African American, Hispanic and other minority students than any other public university in the Association of American Universities (2014-15).
- Sixty-eight percent of UF full-time freshmen graduate in four years (2011-12 cohort), and 88 percent of UF freshmen graduate within six years (2011-12 cohort).
- Sixty-four percent of UF graduates leave the university with no student-loan debt. For the remaining students, their average indebtedness is about \$21,713, as compared with the national average of more than \$28,650 (2017-18).