

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



VAGELOS COLLEGE OF
PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

awarding of the diplomas of doctor of medicine and doctor of philosophy

MAY 15, 2024

PROFESSIONAL

INVOCATION

Jewelnel Davis, MDiv, MSW
University Chaplain

WELCOME

Monica L. Lypson, MD, MHPE
Vice Dean for Education
Rolf H. Scholdager Professor of Medicine

GREETING

Katrina A. Armstrong, MD
Dean of the Faculties of Health Sciences and
the Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons
Executive Vice President for Health and Biomedical Sciences
Harold and Margaret Hatch Professor of the University

VAGELOS COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Hilda Hutcherson, MD
Professor Emerita of Obstetrics and Gynecology at CUMC

Lisa Mellman, MD
Samuel Rudin Professor Emerita of Psychiatry at CUMC
Special Lecturer

THE CHARLES W. BOHMFALK AWARDS

PRE-CLINICAL YEARS

Kerry Esquitin, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine at CUMC

CLINICAL YEARS

Roman Nowygrad, MD
Professor of Surgery and Program Director

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

Ana Berlin, MD
Associate Professor of Surgery and Associate Professor of Medicine at CUMC

DOCTOR HAROLD AND GOLDEN LAMPORT RESEARCH AWARDS

BASIC SCIENCES

Benjamin Izar, MD, PhD

Assistant Professor of Medicine and Systems Biology

CLINICAL SCIENCES

Catherine Spina, MD, PhD

Assistant Professor of Radiation Oncology

DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD BY THE CLASS OF 2024

Salila Kurra, MD

Associate Dean for Student Career Development

Associate Professor of Medicine at CUMC

ADDRESS

Anthony S. Fauci, MD

Distinguished University Professor

Georgetown University

School of Medicine, Department of Medicine

McCourt School of Public Policy

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

Jean-Marie Alves-Bradford, MD

Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Support & Services

Associate Professor of Psychiatry at CUMC

Salila Kurra, MD

CLASS OATH

Jean-Marie Alves-Bradford, MD

BENEDICTION

Jewelnel Davis, MDiv, MSW

RECESSIONAL

STUDENT AWARDS AND PRIZES PRESENTED AT CLASS DAY MAY 14, 2024

DOCTOR HARRY S. ALTMAN AWARD

awarded to a graduating medical student who demonstrates enthusiasm, eagerness, integrity, honesty and dedication to the health and well-being of children

Madeleine G. Fish

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD

in recognition of interest in and devotion to the Vagelos College of Physicians & Surgeons and its Alumni Association

Amir S. Hassan

AAN MEDICAL STUDENT PRIZE

for excellence in neurology

Jackson A. Roberts

THE VIRGINIA APGAR AWARD

excellence in anesthesiology

Jiayi Hu

MICHAEL H. ARANOW MEMORIAL PRIZE

best exemplifies the caring and humane qualities of the practicing physician

Danielle S. Kroll

THE EDWARD T. BELLO, MD LISTENING AWARD

best portrays the art of listening to patients, colleagues and self in practicing their chosen field of medicine

Adhana I. Asfaw

ROBERT G. BERTSCH PRIZE

emulates Dr. Bertsch's ideals of the humane surgeon

Ogoegbunam B. Okolo

THE CAMPBELL AWARD

given to a graduating student at each school who demonstrates exceptional leadership and an exemplary job building spirit at Columbia

Amir S. Hassan

CHAIR OF MEDICINE AWARD

given by the Barasch Family as the Chair of Medicine Award to graduating medical student who best exemplifies the vision, intellectual clarity, and moral compass that characterizes the work of the leadership of the Department of Medicine

Peter E. Suwondo

COAKLEY MEMORIAL PRIZE

outstanding achievement in otolaryngology

Sharon J. Feng

TITUS MUNSON COAN PRIZE

best essay in biological sciences

Zhenrui Liao

Thomas M. Savage

THOMAS F. COCK PRIZE

excellence in obstetrics and gynecology

Bethany C. Onyirimba

John M. Perino

ROSAMOND KANE CUMMINS '52 AWARD

graduate entering orthopedics with academic excellence, sensitivity, kindness, devotion to patients and the fine human qualities that she exemplified

Grace C. Plassche

DEAN'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE VAGELOS COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS

Heer Amin

Lachlan P. Brennan

Andrew N. Bueno

Marissa J. Caldwell

David S. Castillejos

Jesse J. Cotton

Mychael W. Delgado

Michael W. Denham

Jennifer A. Egbebike

Lotanna U. Ezenekwe

Madeleine G. Fish

Natalia S. Forbath

Jane M. Fraipont

Joseph B. Gary

Tejashree S. Gopal

Madison R. Heath

Emily C. Honzel

Serena S. Hoost

Anna Intara

Prerana Katiyar

Danielle S. Kroll

Elizaveta Lavrova

Ian Lee

Alicia H. Li

Sophia J. Murphy

Abigail M. Onderwyzer Gold

Diana C. Perez

Anna Rose

Caroline G. Ryan

Alejandro Sanchez Jimenez

Yong Shen

Keaton C. Stoner

Aurora R. Sullivan

Peter E. Suwondo

Alice M. Tao

Daniel H. Vaccaro

Brandon J. Vilarello

THE ENDOCRINE SOCIETY'S MEDICAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Tejashree S. Gopal

EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH AWARD

Isabel Fan

FAMILY MEDICINE RESEARCH AWARD

Natalia S. Forbath

DANIEL J. FINK, MD MEMORIAL PRIZE

best exemplifies Dr. Fink's enthusiasm for the study and practice of medicine

Peter D. Koch

LOUIS GIBOFSKY MEMORIAL AWARD

*research work in the areas of nephrology, renal immunology, renal physiology
or transplant immunology*

Amy Lipman

DOCTOR CHARLES E. HAMILTON AWARD

excellence in pulmonary disease

Benjamin J. Redenti

EMMETT HOLT FELLOWSHIP AWARD

*awarded to a graduating medical student in honor of the student's
exceptional promise in the field of pediatrics and dedication to children*

Alexander J. Northrop

THE IZARD PRIZE IN CARDIOLOGY

excellence in cardiology

Bryan Z. Wang

JANEWAY PRIZE

highest achievement and abilities in the graduating class

Shivem Shah

THE JERRY JACOBS PRIZE IN PEDIATRICS

*awarded to the graduating medical student who has demonstrated excellence
in the differential diagnosis and treatment of disorders in children*

Marissa J. Caldwell

ALBERT B. KNAPP SCHOLARSHIP

*awarded at the conclusion of the third year to the medical student with the
highest scholarship in the first three years*

Andrew N. Bueno

Sophia J. Murphy

Lauren M. Fahmy

John M. Perino

Natalia S. Forbath

Grace C. Plassche

Ambar C. Garcia

Shivem Shah

Elias G. Geist

Yong Shen

Lauren Houle

Peter E. Suwondo

Elizaveta Lavrova

Alice M. Tao

Alicia H. Li

Alice V. Vinogradsky

Christopher S. McLaughlin

JOHN K. LATTIMER PRIZE IN UROLOGY

awarded for excellence in urologic research

Walter A. Roper

THE STEPHANIE LIEM AZAR MEMORIAL AWARD

presented to a graduating student who has demonstrated commitment to harm reduction and providing compassionate care to drug users

Jeremy C. Harrison

Kimberly E. Pelozo

DONALD A.B. LINDBERG, MD, (VP&S '58) AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS

Celine M. Schreidah

ANDREW MARK LIPPARD MEMORIAL RESEARCH AWARD IN NEUROSCIENCE

excellence in research in neuroscience by an MD-PHD student

Hani J. Shayya

BARBARA LISKIN MEMORIAL AWARD IN PSYCHIATRY

*exemplifies the empathy, scholarship and excellence exhibited by
Dr. Barbara Liskin*

Sonora Yun

THE ROBERT F. LOEB AWARD

excellence in clinical medicine

Samuel C. Amaka

Lauren Houle

Frederick M. Lang

F. LOWENFISH PRIZE IN DERMATOLOGY

creative research in dermatology

Annelise A. Colvin

Lauren M. Fahmy

ALFRED M. MARKOWITZ ENDOWMENT FOR SCHOLARS

*exemplifies Dr. Markowitz's dedication to patient care, teaching
and scholarship*

Anna Intara

DOCTOR CECIL G. MARQUEZ B.A.L.S.O. STUDENT AWARD

*outstanding contribution to the Black and Latino Student Organization and
the minority community*

Ogoegbunam B. Okolo

DAVID M. MCDOWELL MD '89 SCHOOL SPIRIT AWARD

*awarded to the student who best embodies the Vagelos College of Physicians
& Surgeons school spirit*

Halil Beqaj

Omar K. Farah

Sara L. Lehman

JAMES M. MCKIERNAN, MD PRIZE FOR COMPASSIONATE CARE

*exemplifies Dr. James McKiernan's high level of medical knowledge,
humanism, and compassion for patients' well-being*

Irene W. Su

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Phoebe L. Greenwald

DOCTOR HAROLD LEE MEIRHOF MEMORIAL PRIZE

excellence in pathology over four years in medical school

Kira L. Tomlinson

MARIE NERCESSIAN MEMORIAL AWARD

exhibiting care, unusual concern, and dedication to helping sick people

Omid Cohensedgh

NEW YORK ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL AWARD

outstanding performance in research and clinical work

Jennifer A. Kunes

THE DANIEL NOYES BROWN PRIMARY CARE SCHOLAR AWARD

recognizes the recipients' commitment to primary care and community service

Jasmine S. Chaparro

Jackson A. Roberts

Natalia S. Forbath

Peter E. Suwondo

Amir S. Hassan

Gillian Wright

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE VAGELOS COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS AWARD

outstanding contribution to improving the quality of life for their peers while at the Vagelos College of Physicians & Surgeons

Isabella Tous

STUDENT RESEARCH DAY OUTSTANDING POSTER PRESENTATION

2023 AWARDEES

Research Year

Ogoegbunam B. Okolo – 1st Place

Zainab Aziz – 2nd Place

Benjamin J. Redenti – 3rd Place

2024 AWARDEES

Scholarly Project

Frederick M. Lang – 1st Place

Alice V. Vinogradsky – 2nd Place

Madison R. Heath – 3rd Place

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN FAMILY MEDICINE AWARD

Jasmine S. Chaparro

DONALD M. PALATUCCI PRIZE

awarded to the student in the fall of his or her fourth year who is in the upper one-third of the class, who exemplifies through activities in art, music and literature that living and learning go together, and who exemplifies compassion, candor and zest for life

Megan M. Chung

Grace C. Plassche

Bethany C. Onyirimba

Delaine W. Winn

JOSEPH GARRISON PARKER AWARD

exemplifying through activities in art, music and literature and the public interest the fact that living and learning go together

Irene W. Su

THE DRS. ROBERT A. SAVITT AND GEORGE H. MCCORMACK AWARD

exemplifies Dr. George McCormack's medical skill, consideration, understanding and compassion

Zainab Aziz

Andrew N. Bueno

Fiona M. McAuley

THE REBECCA A. SCHWARZ MEMORIAL PRIZE

awarded to a senior medical student conducting outstanding research in the area of pediatric heart disease

Alice M. Tao

THE HELEN M. SCIARRA PRIZE IN NEUROLOGY

outstanding achievement in neurology

Christopher S. McLaughlin

SEVERINGHAUS AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP

superior leadership and academic achievement

Ambar C. Garcia

THE SOCIETY FOR ACADEMIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE AWARD

excellence in the specialty of emergency medicine

Sophia J. Murphy

THE MIRIAM BERKMAN SPOTNITZ AWARD

excellence in research of neoplastic diseases

Zainab Aziz

Luke Yi Hao

THE LEONARD TOW HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD

excellence in science and compassion in patient care

Evan A. Hale

VAGELOS COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS CLINICAL RESEARCH AWARD

research involving human subjects

Jennifer A. Egbebike

Sonora Yun

WILLIAM PERRY WATSON PRIZE IN PEDIATRICS

*awarded to the graduating student showing the most valuable work
in the study of the diseases of infants and children during
the pediatric clerkship*

Sara L. Lehman

DOCTOR WILLIAM RAYNOR WATSON MEMORIAL AWARD

excellence in psychiatry throughout the four years of medical school

Daniel H. Vaccaro

DOCTOR ALLEN O. WHIPPLE MEMORIAL PRIZE

outstanding performance in surgery

Megan M. Chung

SIGMUND L. WILENS PRIZE

excellence in pathology

Bryan Z. Wang

PHD AWARDS PRESENTED ON MAY 13, 2024

DEAN'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

*Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at the Vagelos College of
Physicians & Surgeons*

Ariel D. Pourmorady

Yocelyn Recinos

TITUS M. COAN PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

in basic cellular and molecular biology

Danil Tyulmankov

TITUS M. COAN PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

in translational biology

Patricia Ho

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

PHD CANDIDATES FOR 2023–2024

Taiga Abe	Everardo Hegewisch Solloa
Angelika G. Aleman	Patricia Ho
Jeffrey L. Bellah	Ryan M. Hobson
Shreyas A. Bhawe	Dimitrios Karagiannis
Shivani K. Bigler	Jenna Kefeli
Sydney B. Blattman	Kookjoo Kim
Maria Natalia Bobba-Alves	William F. Kindschuh
Sergej Borowik	Rebeca T. King
Kelly Buchanan	Konner R. Kirwan
Ester Calvo Fernandez	Qi Jin
Ryan G. Casner	Nora Lam
Zena K. Chatila	Cory Langreck
Shuonan Chen	Dov L. Levine
Bex D. C. Cole	Alina L. Li
Caroline Q. Connors	John W. Lindsey
Timothy Crawley	Zhouzerui Liu
Pedro Javier del Rivero Morfin	Lucas F. Loffredo
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Rushell Dixon	Jeremy R. Michelson
Tyler J. Dorrity	Daniel F. Moakley
Patrick D. Dummer	Connor Monahan
Madeline E. Edwards	Trevor R. Nash
Claire P. Everett	Daniele Neri
Caitlin Ford	Jonathan Pabon
Corey M. Garyn	Jung M. Park
Alec M. Gaspary	Ariel D. Pourmorady
Ariana C. Gavin	Caroline Rauffenbart
Undina O. Gisladottir	Abigail E. Reed
Alexander Goldberg	Eduard Reznik
Joshua H. Goodman	Deirdre E. Ricaurte
Christopher J. Griffey	Victor Rodriguez
Nicole C. Guilz	Nainika Roy
Laura M. Hagenah	Bobby B. Shih
Stevie Hamilton	Nicholas M. Singletary
Kelsey S. Heavener	Abhishek Sinha

Michelle Stackmann
Tony Y. Sun
Joshua P. Taliaferro
Samantha J. Tener
Shavonne Li Teng
Kira L. Tomlinson
Stephen J. Trudeau
Danil Tyulmankov

Dinara R. Usmanova
Andres Villegas
Urszula N. Wasko
Abigail N. Zadina
Tarik Zahr
Linying Zhang
Yige Zhao
Michael N. Zietz

FACULTY OF MEDICINE MAY 2024

Adedeji M. Adeniyi

Samuel C. Amaka

Heer Amin

Adhana I. Asfaw +*

Zainab Aziz + ‡

Nicholas C. Beatty

Halil Beqaj ‡

Nicholas Biniac-Harris

Matthew A. Bompastore

Lachlan P. Brennan

Andrew N. Bueno +

Marissa J. Caldwell

Francesca M. Cali

Peter Calvaresi

Michael Canonico

Mary M. Carmack

David S. Castillejos

Jasmine S. Chaparro *

Srinivas P. Cherukuri

Cole M. Chokran ‡

Megan M. Chung +*

Averill Clapp ‡

Omid Cohensedgh +*

Annelise A. Colvin

Jesse J. Cotton

Bernardo T. Da Silva

Mychael W. Delgado +*

Michael W. Denham ‡

Quang Do

Jacqueline M. Dragon

Marcel M. Dupont

Jennifer A. Egbebike

Lotanna U. Ezenekwe

Lauren M. Fahmy +

Isabel Fan

Omar K. Farah

Sharon J. Feng + ‡

Madeleine G. Fish

James S. Flatow

Natalia S. Forbath *

Jane M. Fraipont

Ambar C. Garcia +

Joseph B. Gary

Erick A. Garza

Elias G. Geist

Isaac L. Goldenthal

Karen Gomez

Tejashree S. Gopal

Phoebe L. Greenwald *

Aaron T. Griffin +

Siddharth N. Guha

Evan A. Hale *

Luke Yi Hao

Jeremy C. Harrison

Amir S. Hassan *

Madison R. Heath

Mark M. Herbert

Emily C. Honzel

Serena S. Hoost

Lauren Houle *

Diane Hu

Jiayi Hu

Nicholas J. Hyman

Anna Intara *

Brian Jeffers

Lucy Jia

Adithya Kannan ‡

Prerana Katiyar +

Peter D. Koch

Danielle S. Kroll *

+ Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society

* Gold Humanism Honor Society

‡ MD/MS in Biomedical Sciences

Jennifer A. Kunes +
Kevin G. Kuonqui
Frederick M. Lang +*
Elizaveta Lavrova +
Ian Lee
Sara L. Lehman
Alicia H. Li +*
Zhenrui Liao
Sean Lim
Annie J. Lin
Alice H. Linder *
Amy Lipman
Mary F. Martin
Andrew Massa
Fiona M. McAuley *
Christopher S. McLaughlin
Jose A. Munoz
Sophia J. Murphy
Alexander J. Northrop + ‡
Gillian O'Connell
Ogoegbunam B. Okolo + ‡
Abigail M. Onderwyzer Gold
Bethany C. Onyirimba *
Molly A. Papes
Alexander B. Pascal
Christian A. Pearsall ‡
Kimberly E. Pelozza
William Pennington-FitzGerald
Diana C. Perez
John M. Perino
Joana Petrescu +
Jason A. Piersaint
Grace C. Plassche
Swanand Rakhade
Richard Rangel Vargas
Benjamin J. Redenti ‡

Karl G. Reis +
Adam J. Richter
Jackson A. Roberts +
Warner M. Robinson
Walter A. Roper
Anna Rose
Caroline G. Ryan
Nathan J. Sacks *
Alejandro Sanchez Jimenez
Thomas M. Savage
Celine M. Schreidah ‡
Shivem Shah +*
Hani J. Shayya
Yong Shen +
Colin P. Sperring + ‡
Liam J. Stanton +
Keaton C. Stoner
Austin Y. Su
Irene W. Su +
Aurora R. Sullivan
Peter E. Suwondo *
Alice M. Tao +
Kira L. Tomlinson
Isabella Tous
John F. Tuddenham
Daniel H. Vaccaro
Anne-Sophie van Wingerden *
Brandon J. Vilarello
Alice V. Vinogradsky +
Bryan Z. Wang
Kevin Wang *
Nicholas A. Waring ‡
Jaques L. Williams
Delaine W. Winn
Gillian Wright *
Sonora Yun

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CLASS OATH

In our profession it is a custom, established more than 2,000 years ago, to articulate and commit to our guiding values before accepting the privilege of caring for our fellow humans as students of medicine:

In recognition of our growing awareness that the medical profession can be a tool of both liberation and oppression, we take this oath to commit to rectifying the harms of our tradition and moving forward in the interest of authenticity, health, restoration, and justice.

"I make this pledge to myself, my classmates and future colleagues, and the individuals and communities I will serve.

First and foremost, I vow to prioritize the health of my patients.

I acknowledge that my role is to care for and inform my patients, honor their privacy and autonomy, accompany them in moments of vulnerability, and empower them to flourish.

I vow to contribute to the field of medicine through ethical study and evidence-based care, and to represent my profession with humility and gratitude.

I acknowledge the background and experiences that enrich my perspectives, while promising to self-reflect and confront unconscious prejudices.

I will develop the skills, knowledge, and character necessary to foster an inclusive, equitable field.

I promise to care for and respect the dignity of patients and community members of all identities, and to tailor my recommendations to their unique lived experiences.

I vow to call upon my colleagues and respect the medicine of all peoples in recognition of the limits of my knowledge and skills.

I acknowledge the humanity and fallibility of myself and every member of the care team; we commit to fostering empathy and a culture of care, not just for our patients but also for ourselves and our colleagues.

I promise to be courageous in the face of policies, systems, and barriers that harm patients, and I commit to amend and dismantle them. We will strive for a healthcare system centered on community well-being and not on personal or institutional gain.

We embrace the diversity that exists within our communities and give thanks to the members of the Washington Heights community for their formative influence on our future as physicians.

We acknowledge the harms of medicine's past and present, including those of our own institution. We vow to inspire new trust where it has been broken and to nurture confidence in the relationships we build with the patients and communities we serve."

Let us bow our heads in recognition of the gravity with which we take this oath; we swear to faithfully engage with these ideals and obligations for the ongoing betterment of the field of medicine.



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