

2021 HEALTH SCIENCES GRADUATION CELEBRATION

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> Reamer L. Bushardt, PharmD, PA-C, DFAAPA Senior Associate Dean for Health Sciences, Professor

OZGUR EKMEKCI INTERPROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

Online Program Recipient	Casey Regnier, MSHS, Physician Assistant
Campus Program Recipient	
	Director, Health Sciences Research Core Curriculum

OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

Ricky Ditzel, BSHS, Leadership for Emergency Action & Disaster Response Presented by Geoffrey Shapiro, Director, EMS & Operational Medicine Training and Andrew Garrett, MD, Associate Professor and Program Director for Emergency Health Operations

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

Heather Yoho, MSHS, Clinical & Translational Research Presented by Maranda C. Ward, EdD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Department of Clinical Research and Leadership

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS	
	Chair, Department of Biomedical Laboratory Sciences

Leslie Davidson, PhD, OT/L, FAOTA Chair, Department of Clinical Research and Leadership

Joyce Maring, EdD, DPT Chair, Department of Health, Human Function, and Rehabilitation Sciences

> Tamara Ritsema, PhD, MPH, PA-C/R Interim Chair, Department of Physician Assistant Studies

> > Krystal Smith, DPT Class of 2021

RECITATION OF OATH

CHARGE TO GRADUATES Kevin O'Connor, DO Associate Professor of Medicine, Senior Medical Advisor, Health Sciences Programs Physician to the President

> Lorenzo Norris, MD Associate Dean for Student Affairs & Administration, Associate Professor of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences

The celebration program is meant to be a guide to the ceremony. Although every effort has been made to ensure its accuracy, the program is not an official record of any individual's degree.

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LETTER FROM THE DEAN



Barbara Lee Bass, MD Vice President for Health Affairs Dean, GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences CEO, The GW Medical Faculty Associates

Dear Health Sciences Graduates,

Today is a very important day in your life and career, and like your many faculty who guided you on this journey, I am so proud of each of you for the many accomplishments you've achieved during your years at GW SMHS. I am also very proud of what you will do in the years ahead – and thank you for your commitment to the future of health care.

As with this day last year, I do wish we were gathering together to celebrate your graduation day, to mark that symbolic moment when you advance in your health care career. I trust that you are in the company of those who are important in your life.

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted so much in our lives over the last year, including the traditional GW Commencement Ceremonies on the National Mall and our own graduation celebration in Lisner Auditorium. The pandemic will not, however, change the time-honored tradition of recognizing our outstanding graduates for their accomplishments. Please know that we are all proud and grateful for your hard work and resilience. And, know that your years at GW will certainly be memorable – not only because you studied and contributed to the fight against the world's largest health crisis in a century, but also because you persevered. You were resilient and you have made it to this moment, triumphantly.

On behalf of the entire GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences faculty and staff, I congratulate you on your graduation! I know that in the coming weeks you will move on to the next steps in your careers - what an exceptional time in the history of medicine and health sciences to be taking this next step. I know you will continue to grow, learn, care, and contribute to the benefit of your patients, your profession, your communities and our shared world in the years and decades ahead. We all look forward to watching with pride and joy as you move forward to do your important work.

I personally wish you the very best on this graduation day, and I welcome you into the GW SMHS Alumni Community.

With my highest regards,

Barbara Lee Bass, MD Vice President for Health Affairs Dean, GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences CEO, The GW Medical Faculty Associates

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LETTER FROM THE SENIOR ASSOCIATE DEAN



Reamer L. Bushardt, PharmD, PA-C, DFAAPA Senior Associate Dean for Health Sciences & Professor On behalf of the faculty and staff of the George Washington University, congratulations to each member of the Class of 2021. We acknowledge your dedication and applaud your accomplishments during your education in the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

The mission of GW Health Sciences is to drive innovation and quality in health and health care delivery through education, scholarship, and service – locally, nationally, and globally. We embrace core values of diversity & inclusion, collaboration, and innovation as we live that mission. We are grateful for the contributions you have made during your time at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences to help shape a community that values cultural and intellectual diversity and demonstrates integrity, creativity, and innovation.

This year and your graduation are also being defined by the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has challenged you to learn and your faculty to teach in new ways, while maintaining your collective focus as millions of individuals all around the world have faced this devastating infectious disease and its complications. Society and our health care systems alike face tremendous challenges. I am heartbroken not to see you walk across the graduation stage on campus this year; however, your accomplishments and perseverance during this challenging time proves how valuable you will be to the health care and research communities. We hope the virtual celebrations and graduation activities planned help us all come together while being physically apart. When it is safe to do so, the university will host in-person celebrations on the National Mall to honor the Class of 2021 and the Class of 2020, and I hope you will join us for that forthcoming celebration.

Today, you become a part of the university and the school's alumni family. This family is stronger and more dynamic because of your talents, passion, and capabilities. Some of you will heal through innovative and compassionate care. Others will advance biomedical, translational, and health services research. Many will contribute to cultures of excellence, and you bring us hope for a better future in health care and the health sciences—a future where attaining the highest level of health for all people is realized.

Take time to thank the many people who supported you during your journey to this point. Consider honoring that support in the years ahead by helping others reach their goals and career aspirations. Let me end with a few words of wisdom and guidance that others have imparted to me. Serve others with compassion. Accept that you will never possess all the knowledge you need. Instead, learn to harness knowledge and recognize your own limitations. Be an agent of positive change within your community. Be present—take time to nurture your personal and professional relationships. Finally, choose the path of leadership, and lead through your character by embracing courage, integrity, selflessness, empathy, collaboration, and reflection.

Along with all the faculty and staff in the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, I offer my congratulations and wish you every success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

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Reamer L. Bushardt, PharmD, PA-C, DFAAPA Senior Associate Dean for Health Sciences & Professor

STUDENT AWARDS

NOMINEES FOR THE HEALTH SCIENCES OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE AWARDS (For excellence in academics, service, and leadership)

Ricardo Boye, MSHS, Integrative Medicine Ricky Ditzel, BSHS, Leadership for Emergency Action & Disaster Response Elizabeth Kruzhkov, BSHS, Medical Laboratory Sciences Luz Kumpel, MSHS, Physician Assistant Saralynne Miller, MSHS, Medical Laboratory Science Kenly Morgenstern, MSHS, Healthcare Quality Kellie Sawyer, Doctor of Occupational Therapy Krystal Smith, Doctor of Physical Therapy Jennifer Weaver, PhD, Translational Health Sciences Angela Wholehan, MSHS, Immunohematology & Biotechnology Heather Yoho, MSHS, Clinical & Translational Research

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I will lead my life and practice my profession with integrity and compassion, treating each individual I see with dignity and respect.

I promise to comfort, care, and work toward curing the sick and disabled and will strive to promote the health and well-being of all the people for whom I care.

I will work for the benefit of, and avoid harm to, the individuals I serve and those who are my colleagues; and even if directed, I will do nothing that I believe could harm my patient.

I will use my knowledge and skill to serve all individuals, regardless of race, gender, religion, disease, or social status.

I will respect the privacy of every person and will hold confidential all information about patients for whom I care.

I pledge to continue to learn and grow in my profession and continually seek to gain new knowledge.

I will constantly strive to contribute to my profession through teaching others who can benefit from my knowledge.

I promise to pursue each of the tenets of this pledge with strength and courage, to the utmost of my power. THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

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