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# Celebration 2023

## HEALTH SCIENCES GRADUATION CELEBRATION

THE TWENTIETH OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY THREE

School of Medicine  
& Health Sciences

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY



# **2023 GRADUATION CELEBRATION**

MAY 20, 2023 | 4:00 P.M. | LISNER AUDITORIUM

## LETTER FROM THE DEAN



Dear Health Sciences Graduates,

Today is a very important day in your lives and careers, and like the many faculty members who guided you on this journey, I am proud of each of you for the many accomplishments you've achieved during your time at GW SMHS. As we look forward, I am excited about what you will do in the years ahead and I am grateful for your commitment to the future of health care.

I know that your years at GW will 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 accomplished your goals.

In the coming days, as you take the next steps in your careers at an exceptional time in the history of medicine and health sciences, I hope that you will keep your minds open and continue to grow, learn, care, and contribute to the health care profession. I am confident that you will have a positive impact on the patients you serve and on the health and wellness of our local, national, and global communities.

On behalf of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, I wish you the very best on this graduation day, and I welcome you into the GW SMHS Alumni Community.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Bass'.

Barbara Lee Bass, MD, RESD '86, FACS

*Professor of Surgery*

*Vice President for Health Affairs*

*Walter A. Bloedorn Chair of Administrative Medicine*

*Dean, The GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences*

*The George Washington University*

*CEO, The GW Medical Faculty Associates*

## LETTER FROM THE VICE DEAN



On behalf of the faculty and staff of the George Washington University, I would like to congratulate each of our graduates on reaching this important milestone in your careers. We admire your dedication, hard work, and we celebrate the accomplishments you have made during your time at the GW 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 the core values of diversity & inclusion, collaboration, and innovation as we live that mission. We are grateful to you for your contributions in helping to shape our community into one that prioritizes cultural and intellectual

diversity and demonstrates integrity, creativity, and innovation.

During your time at GW, you were faced with the unique challenges that accompanied the COVID 19 pandemic – yet you pressed forward to achieve your goals. Not only did those experiences profoundly alter the world, but they shaped your education and have shaped you as a professional. The flexibility you demonstrated and the resilience you exhibited, will stay with you for the rest of your life and help prepare you for your future careers. Today we are immensely proud, knowing how valuable you will be to the health care and research communities you will serve.

You have earned this moment, so let us celebrate it with excitement and open hearts, but also with care and compassion for the many families who have faced loss.

Today, you become a part of the university and the school's alumni family. You have made the GW community stronger and more dynamic because of your talents, passion, and capabilities. You are the future of health sciences and you will help shape the world for those who follow. Whether you choose a path of healing through innovative and compassionate care or advancing biomedical, translational, and health services research, you all will contribute to cultures of excellence and will be central to building a better future in health care.

As you reflect on your time at GW, remember those who have supported you during your journey. And, as you look ahead, continue to support those who are sharing the journey with you and be a role model for those who are following your footsteps.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert H. Miller".

Robert H. Miller, PhD  
*Vivian Gill Distinguished Research Professor*  
*Vice Dean for Research and Academic Affairs*  
*Professor of Anatomy and Cell Biology*

HEALTH SCIENCES

**NATIONAL ANTHEM** ..... Samantha Pellegrino, MSHS  
*Molecular Diagnostic Services, Class of 2023*

**WELCOME** ..... Barbara Lee Bass, MD, FACS, RESD '86  
*Dean, GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences*

**PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS** ..... Mark S. Wrighton, PhD  
*President, George Washington University*

**OZGUR EKMEKCI INTERPROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Online Program Recipient ..... Casey Savin, MSHS  
*Clinical Translational Research*

Campus Program Recipient ..... Emily Kim, MSHS  
*Physician Assistant*  
*Presented by Karen S. Schlumpf, MPH*  
*Instructor, Department of Clinical Research and Leadership*

**OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARD** ..... Rebekah Hulsey, BSHS  
*Clinical Research Administration*  
*Presented by Kathleen Thoma, EdD, CCRP, CPH-DC CFAR*  
*Assistant Professor, Interim Program Director for CRA Programs*

**OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD** ..... Fernando Dominguez, DPT  
*Doctor of Physical Therapy*  
*Presented by Ellen Costello, PhD, PT*  
*Associate Professor, Director of Physical Therapy Program*

**PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS** ..... Marcia Firmani, PhD, MSPH, MT(ASCP)MBCM  
*Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Biomedical Laboratory Sciences*  
  
..... Leslie Davidson, PhD, OT/L, FAOTA  
*Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Clinical Research and Leadership*  
  
..... Joyce Maring, EdD, DPT  
*Professor and Chair, Department of Health, Human Function, and Rehabilitation Sciences*  
  
..... Mary Warner, DBH, MMS, PA-C  
*Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Physician Assistant Studies*

**RECITATION OF OATH** ..... Faculty and Graduates  
*Led by Dominic Diprinzio*

**CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES** ..... Robert H. Miller, PhD  
*Vice Dean, GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences*

**RECESSIONAL** ..... Faculty and Graduates

*The graduates and faculty invite all guests to a reception at the Marvin Center Grand Ballroom immediately following the ceremony.  
(The Grand Ballroom is located on the third floor of the Cloyd Heck Marvin Center, across the street from the Lisner Auditorium).*

# STUDENT AWARDS

## Nominees for the Health Sciences Outstanding Student Awards

*For excellence in academics, service, and leadership.*

|                                 |                                     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Allison Dalton, MSHS.....       | Clinical and Translational Research |
| Laura Dell'Aiera, DHSc .....    | Doctor of Health Sciences           |
| Fernando Dominguez, DPT .....   | Doctor of Physical Therapy          |
| Rebekah Hulsey, BSHS .....      | Clinical Research Administration    |
| Meagan Lantz, MSHS.....         | Physician Assistant Studies         |
| Allison Mentzos, MSHS.....      | Clinical Research Administration    |
| Casey Savin, MSHS .....         | Clinical and Translational Research |
| Jeongwon (John) Suk, BSHS ..... | Medical Laboratory Science          |
| Cassidy Skelton, MSHS.....      | Clinical Microbiology               |
| Rosemarie Wyatt, MSHS.....      | Correctional Health Administration  |

## Alpha Eta Inductees

*The National Scholastic Honor Society for the Allied Health Professions*

|                    |                   |                     |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Holly Alesbury     | Cyndi Ford        | Eileen Kim          |
| Tracy Backhaus     | Natalie Fulton    | Alexander Kuhn      |
| Mario Barron       | Jamie Furstenberg | Meagan Lantz        |
| Daniel Belloise    | Laura Gazdecki    | Adam Laplant        |
| Kelsey Buchanan    | Andrew Genuth     | Caren Ling          |
| Jacqueline Carlton | Kemel A. Ghotme   | Brittany Mancini    |
| Jonathen Catchpole | Emily Gray        | Emilie Marcinkowski |
| Praweena Cooper    | Nicholas Greene   | Andrea Marinelli    |
| Megan Dailey       | Sydney Greenspan  | Alexandra Mccready  |
| Allison Dalton     | Nathan Guest      | Kelly Medeiros      |
| Laura Dell'Aiera   | James Handley     | Haley Meyers        |
| Fernando Dominguez | Rachel Hasch      | Minh Trang Nguyen   |
| Michelle Dorman    | Carson Hess       | Valerie Oliphant    |
| Barry Dunn         | Rebekah Hulsey    | Jennifer Pak        |
| Hali Elkins        | Robert Jones      | James Phillips      |
| Laura Evans        | Bailey Jordan     | Sidney Pollock      |
| Seanne Falconer    | Isha Kalia        | Shannon Quinn       |
| Nelson Fitzsimmons | Zarmina Khan      | Anna Reichenbach    |
| Alexander Flynn    | Selina Khandagle  | Rachel Reichley     |

# STUDENT AWARDS

|                    |                   |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Richelle Reinhart  | Anu Shrestha      | Ashley Warren     |
| Kathleen Ritchie   | Kanchan Singh     | Sara Wellington   |
| Felicia Robertson  | Cassidy Skelton   | Jennifer Wheelock |
| Chelsey Ryan       | Lavern Swaby      | Michiko Wilson    |
| Casey Savin        | Anhthi Tanguyen   | Paige Woods       |
| Holly Schlaudecker | Elizabeth Tannous | Rosemarie Wyatt   |
| Madison Schnell    | Amanda Tomlinson  | Nelsen Young      |
| Samantha Schug     | Margaritta Torres | Chloe Yun         |
| Lindsay Seitz      | Rachel Vazquez    | Lynn Zhang        |
| Kaylynn Sellers    | Chet Voelker      |                   |
| Haekyung Shin      | Lucas Warren      |                   |



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCES

BIOMEDICAL  
INFORMATICS

Pa Alimamy  
Jared Clark  
Zarina Khan  
Daniel Olumilua

CLINICAL HEALTH  
SCIENCES

Robert Baca  
Elias Cedillo  
Patrick Charbonneau  
Aaron Herman  
Carson Hess  
Danielle Lantz  
John Miller  
Andrew Nadeau  
Price Parker  
Hans Peterson  
Kari Robinson  
Kaylynn Sellers  
Jeffrey Smith  
Robert Staton  
Trevor Strobel  
Elizabeth Tabino

Lucas Warren  
Nelsen Young

CLINICAL RESEARCH  
ADMINISTRATION

Carolanne Hardy  
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Jennifer Jackson  
Yolanda Jones  
Kyle Kramer  
Trenell Ortiz  
Trisha Pryce  
Rachel Reichley  
Sammy Velazquez  
Brandon Woodruff

CLINICAL OPERATIONS  
AND HEALTHCARE  
MANAGEMENT

Hyunkyoung Lee  
Brittany Mancini  
Ivonne Mumford  
Christina Severa

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP IN  
DISASTER RESPONSE

Liya Adem

Kevin Carter  
Barry Dunn

LEADERSHIP FOR  
EMERGENCY ACTION AND  
DISASTER RESPONSE

Matthew Carlson  
Nelson Fitzsimmons  
Robert Jones  
Daniel Sanders  
Michael Shoener  
Zachary Wilbur

MEDICAL LABORATORY  
SCIENCES

Richard Aragon  
Tracy Backhaus  
Erick Chapa  
Naomi Diaz  
Hali Elkins  
Douglas Napier  
Mark Salvador  
Jeong Won Suk  
Hindolo Thomas

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCES

BIOMEDICAL  
INFORMATICS

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Jonathon Catchpole  
Janel Cook

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Miheret Getachew  
Kimberly Gonzalez Garcia  
Roja Kambhampati  
Marvellous Oke  
Sara Orchard

Giselle Rodriguez  
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Haneen Shatara  
Gelilawit Tamrat  
Jennifer Wheelock  
Paige Woods

# GRADUATES

## CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY

Jacqueline Calugaru  
Andrea Hernandez  
Dooil Ho  
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Son Nguyen  
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Cassidy Skelton  
Chouassi Tshimanga

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Sydney Brandon  
Heather Brooks  
Paula Cespedes Turriate  
Catherine Curran  
Jamie Furstenberg  
Brenna Hansen  
Jeremy Jackson  
Wajiha Khan  
Georgia Kosene  
Alexander Kuhn  
Ye Jin Lee  
Sarah Maguire  
Allison Mentzos  
Manpreet Mughar  
Jack Murphy  
Megan Murr  
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Simona Olberkyte  
Jennifer Pak  
Radha Patel  
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Divya Gupta  
Bailey Jordan  
Precious Kolawole  
Kayley Langlands  
Casey Savin  
Yasemin Saylan  
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Seanne Falconer  
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Kyle Kulas  
Andrea Marinelli  
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Tracy-Ann Reynolds  
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## HEALTH CARE QUALITY

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Zainab Hadithi  
Betty Houser  
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Richelle Reinhart  
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## **IMMUNOHEMATOLOGY**

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Juan Rodriguez Barrantes

## **IMMUNOHEMATOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY**

Caren Ling

## **INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE**

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Stacy Garvey  
Kathleen Ritchie  
Samantha Schug  
Dr. Mubarik Shah  
Paulina Tran  
Zachary Zenner

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Dustin Read  
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Emily Sarver  
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Tram Van  
Kristi Walker

## **MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES**

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Jongmin Park  
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Dominique Richardson  
Chet Voelker  
See Yang

## **MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTIC SCIENCE**

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Samantha Pellegrino  
Anna Reichenbach  
Nina Ruzzo Iacono  
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Jacqueline Boulris  
Justin Bowler  
Madison Butz  
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Jacqueline Carlton  
Megan Dailey  
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Emma Eaton  
Audrey Elliott  
Natalie Fulton  
Tyler Garza  
Antonia Gaviria Rozo  
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Sara Kim  
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# GRADUATES

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Amy Morris  
Nehal Patel  
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Stephanie Rodriguez-Wang  
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Charlotte Smith  
Jordan Smith  
Jahri Sow  
Devon Starkovich  
Kathryn Thompson

Amanda Tomlinson  
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Quan Van  
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Anu Shrestha  
Dilmeet Singh  
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Michael Zaks

## TRANSLATIONAL MICROBIOLOGY

Ashley Jones

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## DOCTOR OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Marisa Birkmeier  
Celdrick Course  
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Laura Dell'Aiera  
Sharon Dunnivan-Mitchell  
Laura Evans

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Heather Michael  
Jay Shah  
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## DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Selina Brijbasi

Sydney Greenspan

Karen Ruiz

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

|                         |                  |                    |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
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| Taplin Arant            | Rotem Itzhaki    | Shivani Patel      |
| Carlos Bautista Enrique | Makenzi Kaiser   | John Patten        |
| Michael Bednar          | Katharine Kelly  | Lauren Ridings     |
| Brian Boston            | Selina Khandagle | Trey Rohman        |
| Kelsey Buchanan         | Talya Krumholz   | Joseph Santangelo  |
| Sydney Carlson          | Priya Kumrah     | Madison Schnell    |
| Ariel Davis             | Cesar Laboy      | Rachel Srolovitz   |
| Dominic Diprinzio       | Adam Laplant     | Darcy Lachlan Taig |
| Fernando Dominguez      | Joshua Lapointe  | Rachel Vazquez     |
| Omar Elmasry            | Ross Layden      | Zoyie Walker       |
| Scott Fournier-Eaton    | Lily Medrano     | Ashley Warren      |
| Morgan Griffiths        | Carmen Meli      | Emily Yong         |
| James Handley           | Anna Miller      | Katherine Zetkulic |
| Spencer Heflin          | Abigail Mutch    |                    |
| Meghan Henderson        | Valerie Oliphant |                    |

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY - TRANSLATIONAL HEALTH SCIENCES

- Donald Adams  
*Management of non-compressible torso hemorrhage of the abdomen in austere/remote environments by non-surgeon using truncal hemorrhage control*  
*Chair: Philip Van der Wees, Paige McDonald*
- Radwa Aly  
*A mixed methods sequential explanatory design study exploring how demographic factors affect utilization and care delivery of individuals presenting to the emergency department for seizure management*  
*Chair: Henry Kaminski*
- Romiya Barry  
*Campaigners, Capitalizers, and Cooperators: A Typology of Professional Identities of Physician-Researchers Who Care for Patients While Recruiting Them to Industry-Sponsored Clinical Trials*  
*Chair: Gaetano Lotrecchiano, Christine Pintz*
- Lauren Crowder  
*Characterization and Assessment of Barriers and Facilitators to the Decision-Making Process for Blood and Blood Donor Safety in the United States: A Collective Case Study*  
*Chair: Marcia Firmani*

Lindsay Datlow

*Lost in Translation? Communicating Nutrition Science*

Chair: Mary Corcoran

Rosalyn Davis

*Speech-Language Pathologists' Perspectives on Evidence-Based Practice in the Healthcare Setting: A Qualitative Study*

Chair: Shelley Brundage

Kemel A. Ghotme

*The NeuroAdvocacy Toolkit: A Knowledge Translation Strategy to Strengthen Food Fortification Policies to Prevent Neural Tube Defects in Latin American Countries. A Mixed-Method Study*

Chair: Joseph Bocchino

Isha Kalia

*Addressing the Underdiagnosis of Familial Hypercholesterolemia: A Mixed Methods Study Exploring the Knowledge and Practice Behaviors of Cardiology Healthcare Providers*

Chair: Lisa Schwartz

Shahnaz Khan

*Evaluating the uptake of cotesting and guideline adherent cervical cancer screening and reported barriers to guideline adherence in academic and community practice settings: a mixed methods study*

Chair: Philip Van der Wees

Brian Samsell

*The Meaning of Family-Derived Knowledge to Healthcare Providers Treating Children With Autism Spectrum Disorder*

Chair: Paige McDonald



## **SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES PLEDGE**

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.

# SHARE YOUR DAY

## #GWCommencement

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