Celebration 2023

HEALTH SCIENCES GRADUATION CELEBRATION

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School of Medicine & Health Sciences
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
2023 GRADUATION CELEBRATION

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

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,

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

Richelle Reinhart
Kathleen Ritchie
Felicia Robertson
Chelsey Ryan
Casey Savin
Holly Schlaudecker
Madison Schnell
Samantha Schug
Lindsay Seitz
Kaylynn Sellers
Haekyung Shin

Anu Shrestha
Kanchan Singh
Cassidy Skelton
Lavern Swaby
Anhthi Tanguyen
Elizabeth Tannous
Amanda Tomlinson
Margaritta Torres
Rachel Vazquez
Chet Voelker
Lucas Warren

Ashley Warren
Sara Wellington
Jennifer Wheelock
Michiko Wilson
Paige Woods
Rosemarie Wyatt
Nelsen Young
Chloe Yun
Lynn Zhang
STUDENT AWARDS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCES

BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS
Pa Alimamy
Jared Clark
Zarmina 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
Rebekah Hulsey
Jennifer Jackson
Yolanda Jones
Kyle Kramer
Trenell Ortiz
Trisha Pryce
Rachel Reichley
Sammy Velazquez
Brandon Woodruff

LEADERSHIP FOR EMERGENCY ACTION AND DISASTER RESPONSE
Matthew Carlson
Nelson Fitzsimmons
Robert Jones
Daniel Jones
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

CLINICAL OPERATIONS AND HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT
Hyunkyoun Lee
Brittany Mancini
Ivonne Mumford
Christina Severa

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP IN DISASTER RESPONSE
Liya Adem

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCES

BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS
Asmita Bastola
Erin Bond
Jonathen Catchpole
Janel Cook

Lan Ge
Miheret Getachew
Kimberly Gonzalez Garcia
Roja Kambhampati
Marvellous Oke
Sara Orchard

Giselle Rodriguez
Vaishali Saseenthar
Haneen Shatara
Gelilawit Tamrat
Jennifer Wheelock
Paige Woods

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES
GRADUATES

CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY
Jacqueline Calugaru
Andrea Hernandez
Dooil Ho
Kelly Medeiros
Son Nguyen
Erika Saxe
Cassidy Skelton
Chouassi Tshimanga

CLINICAL RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION
Camilla Abreu
Asal Ashtiani
Catherine Battle
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
Oluwakemi Oladipupo
Simona Olberkyte
Jennifer Pak
Radha Patel
Abdur Rafay Qadri

Chelsey Ryan
Ilse Salinas
Kanchan Singh
Elizabeth Tannous
Andy Tran

CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH
Chinedu Anya
Sudeepta Basu
Daniel Choi
Amanda Clarke
Allison Dalton
Emily Davies
Savina Gomez
Divya Gupta
Bailey Jordan
Precious Kolawole
Kayley Langlands
Casey Savin
Yasemin Saylan
Fely Sita Makaba

CLINICAL OPERATIONS AND HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT
Christian Aidoo
Jessica Aragon
Sean Bond
Marquita Burnett
Kaalal Dalida
Nilay Donmez
Seanne Falconer
Andrew Genuth
Virginia Kobersteen

Kyle Kulas
Andrea Marinelli
Stuart Powell
Tracy-Ann Reynolds
Maxwell Telfer
Vannessa Waters
Christopher Whiteside
Michiko Wilson

CORRECTIONAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
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Theresa Muncy
Rosemarie Wyatt

HEALTH CARE QUALITY
Salman Alkhalifa
Jessie Alsop
Daniel Belloise
Nolan Day
Amy Floria
Tracy Fok
Cydni Ford
Vargabi Ghei
Daniela Greenwood
Gwen Griswold
Zainab Hadithi
Betty Houser
Benjamin Kaltz
Charlie Mathis
Richelle Reinhart
Amanda Rothman
Lavern Swaby
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IMMUNOHEMATOLOGY
Joshua Burroughs
Michelle Dorman
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Juan Rodriguez Barrantes

IMMUNOHEMATOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY
Caren Ling

INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE
Shelley Altman
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See Yang

MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTIC SCIENCE
Diyi Bao
Mario Barron
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Anna Reichenbach
Nina Ruzzo Iacono
Mandy Scheuermann

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GRADUATES

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Christine Martin  
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Vanessa Pursley  
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Dan-Ning Xing  
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Michael Zaks

TRANSLATIONAL MICROBIOLOGY
Ashley Jones

DOCTOR OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Marisa Birkmeier  
Celdrick Course  
Clifford Cymrot  
Laura Dell’Aiera  
Sharon Dunnivan-Mitchell  
Laura Evans  
Shannon Givens  
Dhinakar Jayaseelan  
Victoria Kryliouk  
Hamed Lahijani  
Shamsah Lakhani  
Shauna Maciel  
Heather Michael  
Jay Shah  
Olga Terekhina

DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Selina Brijbasi  
Sydney Greenspan  
Karen Ruiz
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### 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
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.