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# Celebration 2023

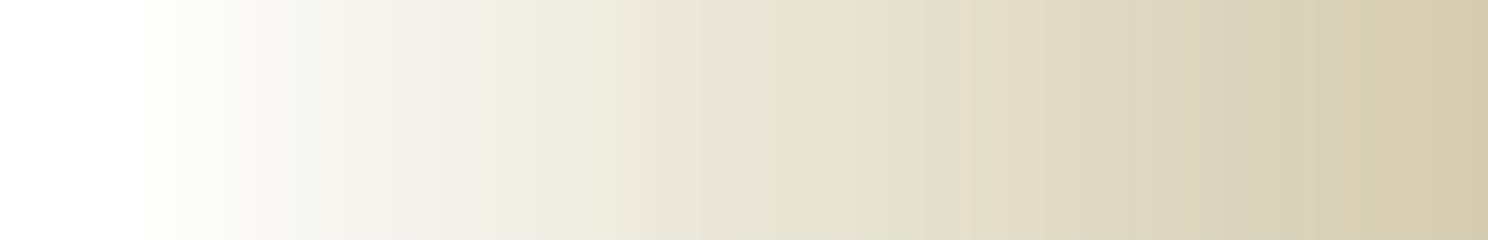
## GRADUATION CELEBRATION

THE TWENTY-FIRST OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY THREE



School of Medicine  
& Health Sciences

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# **2023 GRADUATION CELEBRATION**

MAY 21, 2023 | 3:00 P.M. | LISNER AUDITORIUM



# OATH OF HIPPOCRATES

“I do solemnly swear by that which I hold most sacred:

That I will be loyal to the profession of medicine and just and generous to its members;

That I will lead my life and practice my art in uprightness and honor;

That into whatsoever house I shall enter,  
it shall be for the good of the sick to the utmost of my power,  
I, holding myself aloof from wrong, from corruption, from the tempting of others to vice;

That I will exercise my art solely for the care of my patients,  
and will give no drug, perform no operation for a criminal purpose,  
even if solicited, far less suggest it;

That whatsoever I shall see or hear of the lives of people, which is not fitting to be spoken,  
I will keep inviolably secret.

These things I do promise and in proportion as I am faithful to this my oath  
may happiness and good repute be ever mine —  
the opposite if I shall be forsworn.”

# ORDER OF EXERCISES

<b>PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL</b> .....	Bagpipers
<b>MUSICAL SELECTION</b> .....	Richard Simons, MD, MACP, FRCP <i>Senior Associate Dean for MD Programs</i>
<b>WELCOME</b> .....	Barbara L. Bass, MD, RESD '86, FACS <i>Professor of Surgery, Walter A. Bloedorn Chair of Administrative Medicine Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean, School of Medicine and Health Sciences Chief Executive Officer, The GW Medical Faculty Associates</i>
<b>GREETING TO THE GRADUATES</b> .....	Mark S. Wrighton, PhD <i>President, The George Washington University</i>
<b>INTRODUCTION OF VALEDICTORIAN</b> .....	Barbara L. Bass, MD, FACS
<b>INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER</b> .....	Varsha Parthasarathy <i>Valedictorian, Class of 2023</i>
<b>GUEST SPEAKER</b> .....	Edward M. Barksdale, Jr., MD, FACS, FAAS <i>Surgeon-in-Chief, University Hospitals Rainbow Babies &amp; Children's Hospital Division Chief, Pediatric General and Thoracic Surgery Vice Chairman, Department of Pediatric Surgery, University Hospitals Rainbow Babies &amp; Children's Hospital Robert J. Izant, Jr., MD, Endowed Chair Professor, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATES</b> .....	Richard Simons, MD, MACP, FRCP <i>Senior Associate Dean for MD Programs</i>  Lorenzo Norris, MD <i>Associate Dean for Student Affairs &amp; Administration</i>  Terry Kind, MD, MPH <i>Associate Dean for Clinical Education</i>  Rhonda Goldberg, MA <i>Associate Dean for Student Affairs</i>  Steven Davis, MD <i>Assistant Dean for Student Affairs</i>  Pritha Ghosh, MD <i>Assistant Dean for Student Affairs</i>  Robert Jablonover, MD <i>Assistant Dean for Pre-Clinical Education</i>
<b>REMARKS</b> .....	Jacob Nasser <i>Class of 2023</i>
<b>CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES</b> .....	Barbara L. Bass, MD, FACS
<b>ADMINISTRATION OF THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH</b> .....	Barbara L. Bass, MD, FACS
<b>RECESSIONAL</b> .....	Bagpipers

## GUEST SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY



### *Edward Barksdale, MD, FACS, FAAS*

*Surgeon-in-Chief, University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital*

*Division Chief, Pediatric General and Thoracic Surgery*

*Vice Chairman, Department of Pediatric Surgery, University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital*

*Robert J. Izant, Jr., MD, Endowed Chair*

*Professor, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine*

Edward M. Barksdale Jr., MD, is the Robert J. Izant, Jr., MD Professor and Surgeon-in-Chief at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital/University Hospitals and Case Western Reserve School of Medicine. An All-American athlete and honors graduate of Yale University in 1980, Barksdale earned his medical degree from Harvard University in 1984. He completed a residency in general surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital in 1991, and fellowship training in pediatric surgery at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati in 1994. He began his academic surgical career at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, where he served from 1994 to 2007. In 2007, Barksdale joined Rainbow/UH.

Barksdale has been widely recognized by colleagues and communities for his service to his various missions, clinical excellence and academic scholarship. He is a member of numerous national medical and surgical organizations, where he also has held leadership roles, including serving as the former president of the Society of Black Academic Surgeons (2014) and the immediate past-president of the American Pediatric Surgery Association. Barksdale has received numerous teaching awards in many venues and in 2022 he was inducted into the prestigious American College of Surgeons Society of Master Educators. He also has mentored and sponsored numerous diverse leaders in American surgery.

Barksdale currently works at the nexus of academia, clinical surgery, medical education, public health, and social justice as a passionate advocate for child health and health care. He endeavors to invest his academic, clinical, and service efforts to inspire individuals and transform communities at the precipice of hope. In Cleveland, he has been devoted to building programs to address health disparities particularly in fragile populations of children. He co-founded the Antifragility Initiative, a novel holistic, person-centered, pediatric violence intervention program funded by the Victims of Crime Act and local philanthropy.

# STUDENT AWARDS

## Medical Student Excellence in Anesthesiology Award

*Bridget Marcinkowski*

## Medical Alumni Association Student Achievement Award

*Colleen Hamilton*

*Megan Phan*

## Robert Keith Cole Memorial Award

*Nicolas Leighton*

## Dean's Special Recognition Award

*Jacob Shalkevich*

## Social Justice in Medicine Award

*Kegan Dasher*

*Veri Seo*

## William G. Schafhirt Award

*Oliva Silva*

## John Ordranax Valedictorian Award

*Varsba Parthasarathy*

## Lawrence A. Rapee Valedictorian Award

*Varsba Parthasarathy*

## The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award

*Katherine Yu*

## Student National Medical Association Hope Jackson Award

*Deega Omar*

## Walter F. Rosenberg Award in Dermatology

*Deega Omar*

## Department of Emergency Medicine Award

*Kayla Authelet*

*Peter William Sweetser*

## Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Award

*Christopher Wend*

## Benjamin Manchester Humanitarianism Award

*Peter William Sweetser*

## Office of International Medicine Programs, Global Health Humanitarian Service Award

*Daniel Muller*

*Alysia Swint*

## Allie S. Freed Award in Preventive Medicine

*Charmi Trivedi*

## Phillip S. Birnbaum Award in Primary Care

*Tong Yan*

## Mark Millen Memorial Award

*Mollie Gellman*

## Jorge C. Rios Award in Internal Medicine

*Zachary Falk*

## Hyman R. Posin Award in Neurology

*Christina Kallik*

## Excellence in Neurology Award in Adult Neurology

*Vera Pertsovskaya*

## Excellence in Neurology Award in Pediatric Neurology

*Alexander Dick*

## Samuel M. and Miriam S. Dodek Award in Reproductive Endocrinology

*Emma Keegan*

## Rachel Morris Dominick Obstetrics and Gynecology Award

*Graciela Caraballo*

*Elizabeth Wood*

## Huron W. Lawson Award in Obstetrics and Gynecology

*Andrea Neira Gesteira*

*Maya Rao*

## Julius S. Neviasser Award in Orthopaedic Surgery

*Samuel Fuller*

## William Newman Award in Pathology

*David Jett*

## College of American Pathologists Distinguished Medical Student Award

*David Carlson*

## Pediatric Departmental Award for Excellence in Care, Advocacy, Research, and Education

*Elisabeth Davis*

*Jane Henriques*

## Dr. Salman O. Kazmi Memorial Award in Urology

*Daniel Nemirovsky*

## Jerry M. Wiener Award in Psychiatry

*Simran Kalsi*

## Navdeep S. Kang Award for Excellence and Service

*Abdelrhman Elnasseh*

*Ramsin Yadgar*

## Alec Horwitz Award in Surgery

*Nicolas Leighton*

## Paul L. DeWitt Award in Surgery

*Sangrag Ganguli*

## Excellence in Public Health Award

*John Dobbs*

## Excellence in Family Medicine Award

*Tong Yan*

*Katherine Yu*



# STUDENT HONOR SOCIETIES

## ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA

### *National Medical Honor Society*

Kayla Authelet	Colleen Hamilton	Varsha Parthasarathy
Jordan Barton	Jane Henriques	Theodore Quan
Lauryn Brown	Christina Kallik	Krithika Rao
Morgan Burke	Simran Kalsi	Sedona Rosenberg
Elizabeth Clark	Emma Keegan	Rachel Schwartz
Elisabeth Davis	Sophia Khan	Zoe Shancer
Alexander Dick	Rebecca Kolodner	Peter William Sweetser
Margaret Duval	Nicolas Leighton	George Thomas
Gabriel Esmailian	Anna Mattson	Julie Thomasian
Zachary Falk	Matthew McHarg	Christopher Wend
Fiona Fimmel	Samer Metri	Elizabeth Wood
Samuel Fuller	Anthony Milki	Tong Yan
Brian Giang	Ryan Mortman	Samuel Yeroushalmi
Vrinda Gupta	Sophia Newton	Emily Youner
Subhash Gutti	Justin Ong	

## GOLD HUMANISM HONOR SOCIETY

### *Recognizing Humanistic Exemplars*

Monica Attia	Rebecca Kolodner	Maya Rao
Kayla Authelet	Nicolas Leighton	Monika Rizk Salib
Julia Barsoum	Andrea Leon	Mathavi Sankar
Colleen Corrado	Grace Liu	Veri Seo
Caleb Dafilou	Alexandra Mandel	Aribah Shah
Kegan Dasher	Anna Mattson	Jacob Shalkevich
Tina Doan	Matthew McHarg	Olivia Silva
Samuel Fuller	Anthony Milki	Peter William Sweetser
Andrea Neira Gesteira	Justin Ong	Charmi Trivedi
Puneet Gupta	Rachel Pelsang	Tong Yan
Colleen Hamilton	Megan Phan	Katherine Yu
Sakura Horiuchi	Nicholas Pradhan	
Simran Kalsi	Theodore Quan	

## KANE-KING DODEK SOCIETY

### *Obstetrical Honor Society*

Lauryn Brown	Christina Kallik	Alexandra Sjaarda
Katherine Bryan	Emma Keegan	Julie Thomasian
Graciela Caraballo	Sophia Khan	Christopher Wend
Colleen Corrado	Rebecca Kolodner	Elizabeth Wood
Margaret Duval	Rachel Pelsang	
Andrea Neira Gesteira	Maya Rao	

# GRADUATES

## DOCTOR OF MEDICINE CANDIDATES

Christian Acosta Rodriguez

Cyrus Adams-Mardi

Bilal Ahmed

Rowanne Ali

Alyssa Anderson

Lauren Anderson

Alisa Arnautovic

Monica Attia

Kayla Authelet

*With Distinction*

Joshua Kenneth Baldwin

Adwoa Bamfo

Juan Barajas

Julia Barsoum

*with Distinction*

Jordan Barton

*with Distinction*

Vivek Batheja

Stephano Bonitto

Morgan Braswell

Geoffrey Broadbent

Lauryl Brown

*with Distinction*

Katherine Bryan

Theresa Bullen

Morgan Burke

*with Distinction*

Emily Calabria

*with Distinction*

Graciela Caraballo

*with Distinction*

David Carlson

Eric Chalif

*with Distinction*

Kevin Cho

*with Distinction*

Elizabeth Clark

*with Distinction*

John Clark

Austin Cohen

Colleen Corrado

*with Distinction*

Kendrick John Cuero

Caleb Dafilou

Kegan Dasher

Pooja Dave

*with Distinction*

Elisabeth Davis

*with Distinction*

Wayde Dazelle

Noor Diab

Ethan Diamond

*with Distinction*

Alexander Dick

*with Distinction*

Tina Doan

John Dobbs

Serena Dow

Samuel Duffy

*with Distinction*

Margaret Duval

*with Distinction*

Megan Ebner

Beverly Ejiofor

Muhammad El Shatanofy

*with Distinction*

Abdelrhman Elnasseh

Emily Emamzadeh

Jared Eng

*with Distinction*

Gabriel Esmailian

*with Distinction*

Zachary Falk

*with Distinction*

Fiona Fimmel

*with Distinction*

Colin James Foltz-Davis

Nicolette Friedman

Samuel Fuller

*with Distinction*

Jonathan Galla

Meredith Lucy Galvin

Sangrag Ganguli

*with Distinction*

Mollie Gellman

Andrea Neira Gesteira

*with Distinction*

Brian Giang

*with Distinction*

Daniel Gorelik

Puneet Gupta

Vrinda Gupta

*with Distinction*

Gloria Gutierrez

Subhash Gutti

*with Distinction*

Alejandro Haag

Colleen Hamilton

*with Distinction*

Mai Hasan

Jane Henriques

*with Distinction*

Sean Herman

Joseph Hilger

Jhori Hodges

Sakura Horiuchi

Gary Hovsepian

Caitlyn Hudson

*with Distinction*

Jung Huh

Abraham Ipe

Diana Jaber

Lauren Jacobs

Esha Jain

Go Eun Jeong

David Jett

Christina Kallik

*with Distinction*

Simran Kalsi

*with Distinction*

Jayanidhi Kedda

Emma Keegan

*with Distinction*

Charles Kennedy

Sophia Khan

*with Distinction*

Kiana Khosravian

Andrea Klein

Rebecca Kolodner

*with Distinction*

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Nicolas Leighton  
*with Distinction*

Andrea Leon

Grace Liu

Aditya Maddali

John Mallon

Alexandra Mandel

Bridget Marcinkowski

Paul Martinez

Anna Mattson  
*with Distinction*

Matthew McHarg  
*with Distinction*

Sienna McNett

Benjamin McSweeney

Varun Mehta

Shannon Menezes

Samer Metri  
*with Distinction*

Joseph Mijares III

Anthony Milki  
*with Distinction*

Kyung Min

Shelly Mishra  
*with Distinction*

Brenna Moore

Ryan Mortman  
*with Distinction*

Sriya Movva

Daniel Muller

Monica Naatey Ahumah

Newton Nagirimadugu

Jacob Nasser

Bilal Negash

Daniel Nemirovsky

Sophia Newton  
*with Distinction*

Dillon Nussbaum

Philip Olivares

Deega Omar

Justin Ong  
*with Distinction*

Armon Panahi

Hyo Park

Varsha Parthasarathy  
*with Distinction*

Akshat Patel

Margaret Patella  
*with Distinction*

Rachel Pelsang

Vera Pertsovskaya

Megan Phan

Nicholas Pradhan  
*with Distinction*

Theodore Quan  
*with Distinction*

Murwarit Rahimi

Krithika Rao  
*with Distinction*

Maya Rao  
*with Distinction*

Curran Reilly  
*with Distinction*

Rebecca Ritter

Monika Rizk Salib  
*with Distinction*

Sedona Rosenberg  
*with Distinction*

Prashant Saini

Kayla Sallander

Mathavi Sankar

Sarah Schmitt

Rachel Schwartz  
*with Distinction*

Veri Seo

Justin Sevier

Aribah Shah

Jacob Shalkevich

Zoe Shancer  
*with Distinction*

Ian Sherwood

Wendy Shwe

Olivia Silva

Zachary Silverstein

Alexandra Sjaarda

Nandan Srinivasa  
*with Distinction*

Pallavi Surana

Peter William Sweetser  
*with Distinction*

Alysia Swint

Tammy Tarhini

Sreenidhi Thirunagaru

George Thomas  
*with Distinction*

Julie Thomasian  
*with Distinction*

Kristin Torroella

Matthew Tovar

Charmi Trivedi

Prayerna Uppal

Tina Vaziri  
*with Distinction*

Yixue Wang

Avi Wannon

Julia Weiner

Christopher Wend  
*with Distinction*

Christopher Weston

Elizabeth Wood  
*with Distinction*

Michael Wynne

Ramsin Yadgar

Tong Yan  
*with Distinction*

Samuel Yeroushalmi  
*with Distinction*

Emily Youner  
*with Distinction*

Katherine Yu  
*with Distinction*

Kimia Zarabian

Benjamin Zollinger  
*with Distinction*

*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 an individual's degree.*

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