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SATURDAY, MAY 8
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ORDER OF EXERCISES

Presiding ........................................................................................................... Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.

President, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

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Opening Remarks .......................................................... Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.

Commencement Address .............................................................. Helen H. Hobbs, M.D.

Director, Eugene McDermott Center for Human Growth and Development
Professor of Internal Medicine and Molecular Genetics
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Presentation of Ho Din Award .............................................. R. Elizabeth Kassanoff-Piper, M.D.

President, Dallas County Medical Society

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Doctor of Medicine .......................................................... W. P. Andrew Lee, M.D.

Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Dean, UT Southwestern Medical School

Conferring of Degrees .......................................................... Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.

The audience is requested to delay applause until all candidates have received diplomas.

Administration of Physician’s Oath ................................ R. Elizabeth Kassanoff-Piper, M.D.

Graduates and guests will be dismissed by rows in order to comply with safety protocols.
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CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MEDICINE
RESIDENCY APPOINTMENTS 2021

Jackson Ford Agraz, Carrollton, Texas
University of Virginia    Emergency Medicine

Khaled Mohammad Al-Hreish, Irving, Texas
Baylor University Medical Center    Internal Medicine

Hasan Ali, Austin, Texas
Baylor College of Medicine    Internal Medicine

Amber Nicole Allen, Lubbock, Texas
John Peter Smith Hospital    Family Medicine

Isabel Maria Alvarez, Austin, Texas
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center    Orthopaedic Surgery

Chukwubinyelum Chukwueloka Amaechi, San Antonio, Texas
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center    Surgery

Jennifer Nicole Bachand, Irving, Texas
Boston Children's Hospital    Pediatrics

Joseph Andrew Balaban, Cleburne, Texas
University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine-Knoxville    Surgery

Neeraja Balachandar, Plano, Texas
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center    Internal Medicine

Sanjana Balachandra, League City, Texas
Graduating with Distinction in Research
SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University    Surgery

Naveen Kishore Balakrishnan, Croydon, United Kingdom
Graduating with Distinction in Community Health
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center    Internal Medicine

Alexander Joseph Bass, Dallas, Texas
Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas    Internal Medicine-Preliminary
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center    Radiology
Blaine Harley Berger, Houston, Texas  
Baylor Scott & White Medical Center  Pathology

Hamza Arshad Bhalli, Houston, Texas  
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport  Internal Medicine-Preliminary 
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport  Ophthalmology

Bryan Lynn Bishop, Delta, Utah  
Intermountain Medical Center  Transitional Year 
University of Utah  Radiology

Samantha Monique Black, Brownsville, Texas  
John Peter Smith Hospital  Transitional Year 
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Dermatology

Zachary William Blair, Frisco, Texas  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Internal Medicine-Pediatrics

Darara Bediso Borodge, Rockwall, Texas  
Vanderbilt University Medical Center  Psychiatry

Christian Jacob Brewer, Allen, Texas  
University of Oklahoma College of Medicine-Tulsa  Emergency Medicine

Kristin Brooke Bristow, Stephenville, Texas  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Zoe Brown, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida  
University of Chicago Medical Center  Pediatrics

Scott Evan Bueno, Livermore, California  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Peter Robert Butler, New Orleans, Louisiana  
Emory University School of Medicine  Internal Medicine

Katherine Cantu, Palacios, Texas  
John Peter Smith Hospital  Family Medicine

Christian Layne Carr, Mt. Pleasant, Utah  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Internal Medicine-Preliminary 
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Dermatology
Jacqueline Ann Chavez, Knoxville, Tennessee
University of North Carolina    Anesthesiology

Sandra Chavez-Carmona, Dallas, Texas
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center    Anesthesiology

Rodney Chen, Dallas, Texas
Graduating with Distinction in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety
University of Rochester Strong Memorial Hospital    Anesthesiology

Zachary Kemon Christian, Dallas, Texas
Graduating with Distinction in Research
Baylor College of Medicine    Surgery-Preliminary

Alvin Chung, Plano, Texas
Temple University Hospital    Internal Medicine

Morayah Kaylah Ciprien, Las Vegas, Nevada
University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School    Pediatrics

Petra Joy Constable, Kingston, Jamaica/Spring, Texas
McLennan County Medical Education and Research Foundation    Family Medicine

Max Dario Cruz, San Antonio, Texas
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley    Internal Medicine

Christine Mylan Dang, Houston, Texas
Graduating with Distinction in Global Health
University of Miami Jackson Health System    Internal Medicine

Edward Daniel, Carrollton, Texas
Barnes-Jewish Hospital    Internal Medicine

Anthony Quang Dao, The Woodlands, Texas
Graduating with Distinction in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center    Anesthesiology

Christian Alexander Davidson, Flower Mound, Texas
New York-Presbyterian Hospital    Emergency Medicine

Anna Jane Davis, Plano, Texas
University of Virginia    Psychiatry
Pallavi Dev, Pearland, Texas  
Graduating with Distinction in Research  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Internal Medicine

Alejandro Díaz de León, San Luis Potosí, Mexico  
University of California San Francisco Medical Center-Fresno  Orthopaedic Surgery

Bryant James Dixon, Centerville, Utah  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Emergency Medicine

Dang-Huy Do, Allen, Texas  
Graduating with Distinction in Research  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Orthopaedic Surgery

Aseel Ali Dweik, Dallas, Texas  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Internal Medicine

Aya Sherif Embabi, Plano, Texas  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Pediatrics

Zachary Michael Farni, Mobile, Alabama  
Naval Medical Center-Portsmouth  Transitional Year

Brandon Colt Fletcher, San Antonio, Texas  
University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio  Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Joseph Luis Formella, Southlake, Texas  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Pediatrics

Jorge Luis Fuentes, Houston, Texas  
Houston Methodist Hospital  Urology

Jessica Brinne Fults, Lebanon, Tennessee  
University of Alabama Medical Center  Anesthesiology

Sonal Gagrani, Austin, Texas  
Graduating with Distinction in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety  
University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School  Neurology

Micah Thomas Gamble, Deer Park, Texas  
Ventura County Medical Center  Family Medicine

Esteban Garcia, McAllen, Texas  
HealthONE  Psychiatry
Ricardo Garza, Jr., Pharr, Texas
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center-El Paso    Surgery

Kyle Robert Gashler, Springville, Utah
Baylor College of Medicine    Anesthesiology

Daniel Gelvez, Fort Worth, Texas
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans    Orthopaedic Surgery

Calvin Xin Geng, Austin, Texas
University of Virginia    Internal Medicine

Rohit George, Sugar Land, Texas
University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio    Pediatrics

Nicholas Antony George-Jones, Houston, Texas
University of Iowa    Otolaryngology

Alexandra Lee Ghaben, York, Pennsylvania
University of California San Diego Medical Center    Pediatrics

Samuel Oscar Glick, Dallas, Texas
University of California Los Angeles Medical Center    Pediatrics

Akilan Gopal, Houston, Texas
Broward Health Medical Center    Transitional Year
University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston    Radiology

Matthew Gregory, West Jordan, Utah
University of Florida-Jacksonville    Surgery-Preliminary
University of Florida-Jacksonville    Ophthalmology

Michael Christopher Gross, Edmonds, Washington
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center    Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Leon Gu, Plano, Texas
Houston Healthcare West    Family Medicine

Jaskeerat Singh Gulati, Houston, Texas
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center    Internal Medicine

Sabhi Gull, Houston, Texas
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley    Internal Medicine
Stephen Barse Haff, Madison, Connecticut
Emory University School of Medicine    Internal Medicine

Cooper Watson Hale, Boerne, Texas
McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University    Emergency Medicine

George Han
University of Mississippi Medical Center    Psychiatry

Waqas Zia Haque, Plano, Texas
Graduating with Distinction in Research
New York University Grossman School of Medicine    Internal Medicine

Omar Hassan Harirah, League City, Texas
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center    Surgery

Sara Mohamed Hassan Youssef, Irving, Texas
University of Texas Medical Branch-Galveston    Family Medicine

Robert Hamilton Hermann, Austin, Texas
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center    Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Christine Ruth Hernandez, San Antonio, Texas
University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio    Psychiatry

Eduardo Alejandro Hernández, Carrollton, Texas
Medical City Healthcare    Surgery

Diana Tran Hoang, Sugar Land, Texas
Houston Healthcare West    Transitional Year
University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston    Radiology

Asher Horowitz, Baltimore, Maryland
University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine    Emergency Medicine

Natasha Nazerani Houshmand, Dallas, Texas
Graduating with Distinction in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety
Johns Hopkins Hospital    Surgery

Daniel James Howard, Midland, Texas
University of Texas Health Science Center-Tyler    Psychiatry

Tyler Rey Huffaker, Boise, Idaho
University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio    Internal Medicine
Connor Thomas Hughes, Austin, Texas
Virginia Mason Medical Center    Internal Medicine-Preliminary
University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School    Dermatology

Maya Louise Hunt, Austin, Texas
Indiana University School of Medicine    Surgery

Darren Monivann Imphean, Pflugerville, Texas
Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas    Internal Medicine-Preliminary
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center    Radiology

Ryan Matthew Itoh, Fort Worth, Texas
Southern California Medical Education Consortium    Emergency Medicine

Angelina Isibor Iyinbor, Sofia, Bulgaria
Yale-New Haven Hospital    Internal Medicine

Kathryn Michelle Jan, Plano, Texas
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center    Anesthesiology

Avinash Prasanna Jayaraman, Morristown, New Jersey
Alternative Career Path

Michael Xincheng Ji, Anshan, China
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center-Lubbock    Psychiatry

Anya Marie Kalsbeek, Stephenville, Texas
University of Utah    Internal Medicine

Sadia Karani, Spring, Texas
Barnes-Jewish Hospital    Anesthesiology

Stacy Yuan Kasitinon, Richardson, Texas
Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas    Internal Medicine-Preliminary
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center    Dermatology

Demetra Patricia Kelenis, San Antonio, Texas
Alternative Career Path

Laura Elizabeth Kenyon, Plano, Texas
Graduating with Distinction in Research
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center    Obstetrics and Gynecology
Aladdin Sameer Khalaf, Escondido, California
Brookwood Baptist Health  Radiology

Sandy Kim, Los Angeles, California
New York-Presbyterian Columbia University Medical Center  Anesthesiology

Taylore Anna King, Orange County, California
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Emory University School of Medicine  Obstetrics and Gynecology

Kathryn Elizabeth Krause, Georgetown, Texas
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Emergency Medicine

Ramya Krothapally, Missouri City, Texas
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Neurology

Inkkaruch Kuprasertkul, Keller, Texas
Washington University  Urology

Casey Paul Lee, San Francisco, California
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Min Hyung Lee, San Antonio, Texas
Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell-Zucker Hillside Hospital  Psychiatry

Jeffrey Niu Li, Bridgewater, New Jersey
Graduating with Distinction in Research
Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center  Transitional Year
University of Miami  Dermatology

Stephen Li, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Kaiser Permanente San Francisco Medical Center  Internal Medicine-Preliminary
McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University  Dermatology

Allyson Rong-Hua Liu, Manahawkin, New Jersey
Baylor College of Medicine  Pediatrics

Jennifer Wen Ching Liu, Dallas, Texas
Houston Methodist Hospital  Orthopaedic Surgery

Keith Eric Liu, Dallas, Texas
Baylor College of Medicine  Internal Medicine
Jason Lu, Houston, Texas
Baylor College of Medicine Internal Medicine

Connie Cheng Ma, Houston, Texas
Vanderbilt University Medical Center Otolaryngology

Kevin Chen Ma, Plano, Texas
PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center Family Medicine

Kayla Maaraoui, Dallas, Texas
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Neurology

Nikhil Madhusudhan, Centreville, Virginia
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Internal Medicine

Emily Mae Magallanes, Kennesaw, Georgia
John Peter Smith Hospital Family Medicine

Harris Hashim Majeed, Plano, Texas
University of New Mexico School of Medicine Internal Medicine

Sarah Ashley Manning, Arlington, Texas
Wright State University Air Force Base Obstetrics and Gynecology

Kendra Louise Maple, Houston, Texas
University of Florida Health Shands Hospital Emergency Medicine

Edgar Martinez, Fort Worth, Texas
Virginia Mason Medical Center Transitional Year
University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School Dermatology

Priya Mary Mathew, Flower Mound, Texas
University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School Pediatrics

Jack Michael McDaniel, Mission, Texas
University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School Family Medicine

Courtney Michelle McNeely, Allen, Texas
University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston Internal Medicine

Priyanka Chetan Mehta, Sugar Land, Texas
Graduating with Distinction in Global Health
Emory University School of Medicine Obstetrics and Gynecology
John Thomas Menchaca, San Antonio, Texas  
Emory University School of Medicine  Internal Medicine

Lakshmi Menon-Dawson, Flower Mound, Texas  
University of Oklahoma College of Medicine-Oklahoma City  Pediatrics

Leah Rey Mikesky, Schulenburg, Texas  
Baylor University Medical Center  Internal Medicine

Nikola Milanko, Dallas, Texas  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Emergency Medicine

Logan Grant Mills, Queen City, Texas  
John Peter Smith Hospital  Family Medicine

Albert Mo, Sugar Land, Texas  
Memorial Hermann Hospital  Family Medicine

Daniel Mohammadi, Frisco, Texas  
University of Washington  Surgery-Preliminary

Navina Mohan, Plano, Texas  
New York University Grossman School of Medicine  Internal Medicine

Anika Vanesa Morgado, Plano, Texas  
Vanderbilt University Medical Center  Internal Medicine

Neha Mulpuri, Austin, Texas  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Internal Medicine-Preliminary

Andrew Scott Naden, Baltimore, Maryland  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Reshma Narain, Plano, Texas  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Internal Medicine

Danh Quang Nguyen, Dallas, Texas  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Internal Medicine

Hai-Uyen Nguyen, Austin, Texas  
University of Washington  Psychiatry

Khanh Huy Nguyen, Fort Worth, Texas  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Surgery-Preliminary
Olivia Tram Nguyen, Plano, Texas
Ventura County Medical Center    Family Medicine

Trung Tan Nguyen, Arlington, Texas
Graduating with Distinction in Medical Education
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center    Neurology

Justin Marshall O’Brien, Childress, Texas
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center    Psychiatry

Akinjide Onifade, San Antonio, Texas
Medical City Healthcare    Family Medicine

William Christopher Ou, Plano, Texas
Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas    Internal Medicine-Preliminary
Barnes-Jewish Hospital    Radiology

Rigo Estevan Palomarez, Dallas, Texas
CHRISTUS Health    Family Medicine

Katherine Sophia Panettiere-Kennedy, New York City, New York
Johns Hopkins Hospital    Internal Medicine

Christine Jiyoung Park, Frisco, Texas
Baylor College of Medicine    Internal Medicine

Bernadette Anneclare Peltier, Commerce, Texas
Emory University School of Medicine    Surgery

Colton John Pence, Houston, Texas
New York-Presbyterian Weill Cornell Medical Center    Internal Medicine

Vi Hung Pham, Keller, Texas
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center    Pediatrics

Joshua Logan Pierce, Lubbock, Texas
University of California Los Angeles Medical Center    Pathology

Meredith Meyer Rae, Houston, Texas
Baylor College of Medicine    Pediatrics

Aishwarya Ramamurthi, Allen, Texas
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center    Ophthalmology
Swetha Ramamurthy, Pearland, Texas
Graduating with Distinction in Research
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center    Psychiatry

Maya Priyanka Rao, Flower Mound, Texas
University of Washington    Pediatrics

Tiana Janae Raphel, Houston, Texas
Graduating with Distinction in Medical Education
University of California Los Angeles Medical Center    Psychiatry

Terrul Leroy Henderson Ratcliff, Dallas, Texas
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center    Orthopaedic Surgery

Nishitha Kondala Reddy, Dallas, Texas
Riverside Community Hospital    Transitional Year
Emory University School of Medicine    Radiology

Syed Rizvi, Houston, Texas
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center    Internal Medicine

Kayla Marie Robinson, Sherman, Texas
University of Colorado School of Medicine    Psychiatry

Stephen Matthew Rodriguez, Houston, Texas
St. Lucie Medical Center    Emergency Medicine

Thanos George Rossopoulos, Huntington Beach, California
University of California San Diego Medical Center    Psychiatry-Family Medicine

Kinnari Ruikar, Frisco, Texas
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center    Internal Medicine-Preliminary

Leah Jennelle Rushin, Detroit, Michigan
Morehouse School of Medicine    Pediatrics

Easton Chase Ryan, Allen, Texas
Massachusetts General Hospital    Orthopaedic Surgery

Layla Zahra Samandi, Sparta, New Jersey
Boston Children’s Hospital    Pediatrics

Kyle Hong Saysana, Mansfield, Texas
Massachusetts General Hospital    Internal Medicine
Jonathan Edmund Schoenhals, Rochester, Michigan  
Medical College of Wisconsin   Internal Medicine-Preliminary  
Ohio State University Medical Center   Radiation Oncology

Lauren Rose Shaffer, San Antonio, Texas  
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania   Internal Medicine

Sidrah Mariam Shah, Garland, Texas  
Graduating with Distinction in Global Health  
Baylor College of Medicine   Internal Medicine

Carolyn Michelle Shanks, Bettendorf, Iowa  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center   Emergency Medicine

Samarth Shrivastava, West Chester, Pennsylvania  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center   Internal Medicine-Pediatrics

Landon Robert Simpkins, Austin, Texas  
Tulane University School of Medicine   Neurology

Anjanya Devendra Singh, Houston, Texas  
Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas   Internal Medicine

Sydney Alexandria Singleterry, Plano, Texas  
University of Illinois College of Medicine   Psychiatry

Aaron Patrick Smith, Atlanta, Georgia  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center   Internal Medicine

Katelynn Marie Smith, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Graduating with Distinction in Research  
Duke University Medical Center   Internal Medicine

Catherine Elizabeth Sobieski, Houston, Texas  
University of Utah   Internal Medicine

Jasmina Solankee, Austin, Texas  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center   Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Tiffany Jeehae Son, Dallas, Texas  
Barnes-Jewish Hospital   Psychiatry

Evan McAllister Stevens, Los Angeles, California  
Alternative Career Path
Jacob Andrew Stevens, Dallas, Texas  
University of Wisconsin Clinical Science Center  Urology

Naveen Gopal Subramanian, Austin, Texas  
Graduating with Distinction in Research  
University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston  Internal Medicine

Joshua Jian Sun, Flower Mound, Texas  
Graduating with Distinction in Research  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Orthopaedic Surgery

Harini Suresh, Coppell, Texas  
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center  Psychiatry

Brendan Gregory Swain, Houston, Texas  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Anesthesiology

Priscilla Joanne Tanamal, El Paso, Texas  
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans  Surgery

Zoe Renee Tao, Houston, Texas  
Graduating with Distinction in Community Health  
Oregon Health & Science University  Surgery

Micah Eugene Tatum, Houston, Texas  
University of Washington  Pediatrics

Betty Tong, Fort Worth, Texas  
Graduating with Distinction in Research  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Ophthalmology

Kevin Huy Truong, Frisco, Texas  
University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston  Anesthesiology

Michelle Vivian Tsai, Dallas, Texas  
Ochsner Clinic Foundation  Neurology

Gray Steven Umbach, The Woodlands, Texas  
Graduating with Distinction in Research  
University of California San Francisco Medical Center  Neurological Surgery

Bradley Dean Upchurch, Longview, Texas  
Indiana University School of Medicine  Emergency Medicine
Brian Daniel Wahlig, Des Moines, Iowa
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education-Minnesota  Orthopaedic Surgery

Adrienne Dramanique Walker, Dallas, Texas
Baylor College of Medicine  Internal Medicine

Kyle Willett, Coppell, Texas
University of Virginia  Pediatrics

Lelia Errett Williams, Fort Worth, Texas
John Peter Smith Hospital  Transitional Year
Baylor Scott & White Medical Center  Radiology

Justin Fuhan Wong, Plano, Texas
University of California San Diego Medical Center  Internal Medicine

May Chong Xac, San Antonio, Texas
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Internal Medicine

Amy Xia, Plano, Texas
University of Washington  Pediatrics

Flora Yan, Plano, Texas
Temple University Hospital  Otolaryngology

Ailing Eileen Yang, Plano, Texas
Graduating with Distinction in Research
Mount Auburn Hospital  Internal Medicine-Preliminary
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center  Neurology

Judy Huining Yang, Katy, Texas
New York-Presbyterian Columbia University Medical Center  Anesthesiology

Kaili Yang, Plano, Texas
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Pediatrics

Tyler James Yates, Saint Charles, Missouri
Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell-Staten Island  Emergency Medicine

Ashley Rae Young, Beaumont, Texas
University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston  Family Medicine

Clementine Foucher Young, Suresnes, France
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Surgery-Preliminary
William Harrison Young, Weatherford, Texas
University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio  Orthopaedic Surgery

Aemen Zamir, Plano, Texas
Graduating with Distinction in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Internal Medicine-Preliminary

Lucio Zapata, Jr., Dallas, Texas
Saint Joseph Hospital  Internal Medicine-Preliminary
University of Utah  Dermatology

Chong Zhou, Salisbury, Maryland
University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio  Internal Medicine-Preliminary
Yale-New Haven Hospital  Radiology

Jane Liang Zhu, Missouri City, Texas
John Peter Smith Hospital  Transitional Year
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  Dermatology
CANDIDATES FOR DUAL DEGREES

Medical Scientist Training Program
*The Medical Scientist Training Program is a program leading to both the Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. The University is pleased to note this significant achievement.*

Edward Daniel  
Alexandra Lee Ghaben  
Stacy Yuan Kasitinon  
Demetra Patricia Kelenis  
Stephen Li  
Nikhil Madhusudhan

Doctor of Medicine/Master of Public Health
*The Doctor of Medicine/Master of Public Health dual degree is a collaborative program between UT Southwestern Medical School and UT Health School of Public Health.*

Amber Nicole Allen  
Christian Layne Carr  
Jessica Brinne Fults  
Esteban Garcia  
Leon Gu  
Stephen Barse Haff  
Eduardo Alejandro Hernández  
Kathryn Michelle Jan  
Kendra Louise Maple  
Priya Mary Mathew  
Courtney Michelle McNeely  
Katherine Sophia Panettiere-Kennedy  
Christine Jiyoung Park  
Adrienne Dramanique Walker
THE PHYSICIAN’S OATH

I pledge the following as an expression of the spirit in which I will strive to practice medicine:

To promote health and to relieve suffering in both the living and the dying.

To approach all my patients with integrity, candor, empathy, and respect.

To honor the confidences entrusted to me.

To be a student and a teacher always and to remain conscious of my limitations.

To place the welfare of the patients above personal gain and to protect patients from improper care.

To respond always in an emergency.

To improve health care for the underserved and to work to change those conditions in society that threaten the health of the community.

To withdraw from active practice when I am no longer capable of fulfilling these pledges.

To keep the promise of Hippocrates: "Above all, do no harm."

I make these pledges solemnly, freely, and upon my honor.
THE HO DIN AWARD

On May 5, 1943, the trustees of the Southwestern Medical Foundation authorized the establishment of an award to symbolize the fundamental concept on which the medical college was based. The award is the Ho Din, which signifies human understanding and medical wisdom and constitutes the highest honor that the Foundation can bestow.

Natasha Nazerani Houshmand

Natasha Houshmand graduated from the University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas) in 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology, achieving a 3.89 GPA. She was a recipient of the UT Dallas Academic Excellence Scholarship and the Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae Scholarship in 2017 and 2018. While at UT Dallas, she served her community as a Student Ambassador, a member of the Bystander Intervention Leadership Committee, and a Peer Health Educator, teaching her peers about relevant health issues ranging from mental health to nutrition.

Since matriculating to UT Southwestern, Natasha has maintained an outstanding academic record, achieving a perfect 4.0 GPA and selection into Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society (AOA) as a junior medical student. She served as co-president of UT Southwestern’s AOA Gamma Chapter, managing the organization of 40 students and leading creation of a new committee to help future students prepare for high stakes standardized examinations during core clerkship rotations. Natasha has served in numerous other leadership roles at UT Southwestern, including president of UT Southwestern’s Chapter of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and vice president of the Trauma Surgery Society and American Medical Women’s Association, where she helped organize the Domestic Violence Awareness Week initiative.

In addition to her impressive academic record, she was nominated by her peers and selected for membership to the Gold Humanism Honor Society, reflecting her superb interpersonal skills and compassion for others. Natasha received frequent praise on her clinical evaluations for her humanistic qualities. In one notable example, she helped care for a pediatric patient who attributed his unhealthy diet to the lack of food choices at his school. Natasha had the insight and initiative to schedule a meeting with the school principal to encourage healthy food options and connected the school board with resources to facilitate this change.

Natasha has also shown potential for scholarship and will earn an M.D. with Distinction in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety. Her projects have included creating a fast track pathway for patients with cholecystitis to achieve earlier and more efficient discharge, and she helped design and implement a Difficult Airway Response Team to improve the safety of intubations in the hospital setting. Finally, she led database expansion of geriatric traumatic brain injury (TBI) cases as part of a national initiative to explore the unique characteristics of TBIs in this population.

Most importantly, Natasha shows her greatest strengths at the bedside. At a very early stage of training, faculty and residents noted her exceptional clinical skills. She has an admirable ability to manage complex clinical problems while quickly establishing rapport with patients and setting them at ease.

The Ho Din Award honors a senior medical student who exemplifies the unique personal qualities embodied in all great physicians – knowledge, understanding, and, most of all, compassion. Natasha truly embodies all of these qualities, which will surely inspire trust and gratitude from future patients and colleagues alike. After graduation, Natasha will begin her residency in Surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital. UT Southwestern will be proud to count her among its alumni.
HONORS AND RECOGNITION RECEIVED BY MEDICAL SCHOOL GRADUATES

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society

Jennifer Nicole Bachand*
Bryan Lynn Bishop
Samantha Monique Black
Christian Layne Carr
Edward Daniel
Pallavi Dev
Dang-Huy Do
Aseel Ali Dweik
Micah Thomas Gamble
Daniel Gelvez
Nicholas Antony George-Jones
Jaskeerat Singh Gulati
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Natasha Nazerani Houshmand*
Connor Thomas Hughes
Stacy Yuan Kasitinton*
Kathryn Elizabeth Krause
Jeffrey Niu Li*
Stephen Li
Allyson Rong-Hua Liu
Jennifer Wen Ching Liu
Kendra Louise Maple*
Anika Vanesa Morgado
William Christopher Ou*
Katherine Sophia Panettiere-Kennedy
Vi Hung Pham*
Aishwarya Ramamurthi*
Easton Chase Ryan
Layla Zahra Samandi*
Lauren Rose Shaffer*
Katelynn Marie Smith
Jacob Andrew Stevens
Betty Tong
Gray Steven Umbach*
Bradley Dean Upchurch
Brian Daniel Wahlig*
Justin Fuhan Wong
Amy Xia
Jane Liang Zhu*

*denotes junior AOA

Gold Humanism Honor Society

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Naveen Kishore Balakrishnan
Darara Bediso Borodge
Alvin Chung
Petra Joy Constable
Anthony Quang Dao
Christian Alexander Davidson
Aseel Ali Dweik
Micah Thomas Gamble
Jaskeerat Singh Gulati
Natasha Nazerani Houshmand
Connor Thomas Hughes
Kathryn Michelle Jan
Taylore Anna King
Emily Mae Magallanes
Priya Mary Mathew
Lakshmi Menon-Dawson
Logan Grant Mills
Reshma Narain
Hai-Uyen Nguyen
Christine Jiyoon Park
Syed Rizvi
Lauren Rose Shaffer
Katelynn Marie Smith
Tiffany Jeehae Son
Jacob Andrew Stevens
Priscilla Joanne Tanamal
Zoe Renee Tao
Betty Tong
Kevin Huy Truong
Adrienne Dramanique Walker
Amy Xia
Lucio Zapata, Jr.
UT Southwestern Medical Center Departmental Awards

American Academy of Neurology Medical Student Prize for Excellence in Neurology
Sonal Gagrani

Annette M. Ahmed, M.D., Women's Health Care Award
Laura Elizabeth Kenyon

Award for Excellence in Dermatology
Stacy Yuan Kasitinon

Class of 2021 Leadership Award
Priscilla Joanne Tanamal

Eliot Goldings Award
Nikhil Madhusudhan

Hemphill-Gojer Award in Internal Medicine
Reshma Narain
Kyle Hong Saysana

Hudson-Penn Award for Excellence in Surgery
Natasha Nazerani Houshmand

Iatros Award
This award recognizes an outstanding medical student selected by the graduating class.
Thanos George Rossopoulos

Pepper Jenkins Outstanding Medical Student Award in Anesthesiology and Pain Management
Anthony Quang Dao

Karen Kowalske Outstanding PM&R Undergraduate Award
Kristin Brooke Bristow

Minnie Lancaster, M.D., Scholarship Award in Family Medicine
Sara Mohamed Hassan Youssef

John D. McConnell Award for Excellence in Urology
Inkkaruch Kuprasertkul

North Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians Award for Outstanding Medical Student in Psychiatry
Harini Suresh

Pediatric Society of Greater Dallas Award for Excellence in Pediatric Medicine
Layla Zahra Samandi

Roland C. Reynolds Pathology Award
Amy Xia
William F. Ross, M.D., Scholarship Award in Family Medicine
Amber Nicole Allen
Logan Grant Mills

Herbert S. Salomon, M.D., Class of 1967 Memorial Scholarship Award
Lauren Rose Shaffer

Dr. Richard Mays Smith Award in Internal Medicine
Naveen Kishore Balakrishnan
Calvin Xin Geng
Anika Vanesa Morgado
Syed Rizvi
Katelynn Marie Smith

Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Award
Bradley Dean Upchurch

Southwestern Gynecologic Assembly Award
Taylore Anna King

Vernie A. Stembridge Scholarship Award in Pathology
Joshua Logan Pierce

Lorraine Sulkin-Schein Medical Student Award in Geriatric Medicine
Logan Grant Mills

Texas Academy of Family Physicians Dallas Chapter Outstanding Graduate Award
Emily Mae Magallanes

Texas College of Emergency Physicians Award
Carolyn Michelle Shanks

United States Public Health Service 2021 Excellence in Public Health Award
Christian Layne Carr

Vanatta, Hesser, Schmalstieg Excellence in Tutoring Award
Edward Daniel

Kurt Ian Wey, M.D., Pediatrics Award
Vi Hung Pham
Southwestern Medical Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Dr. E.H. Cary Scholar
Kathryn Michelle Jan

Martha C. and Robert R. Click Scholars
Christian Jacob Brewer
Christian Alexander Davidson
Christine Ruth Hernandez

Frances B. Conroy Scholars
Allyson Rong-Hua Liu
Emily Mae Magallanes
Olivia Tram Nguyen

Dorothy R. Cullum Scholars
Christian Jacob Brewer
Christian Layne Carr
Sandra Chavez-Carmona
Christian Alexander Davidson
Rohit George
Christine Ruth Hernandez

Dorothy R. Cullum Scholar in Memory of Harry A. Shuford
May Chong Xac

Siddons DuVall Scholar
Kyle Robert Gashler

Jeannette S. Eppler M.D., Ph.D., Scholar
Christian Layne Carr

Fred F. Florence Scholars
Aaron Patrick Smith
Katelynn Marie Smith
Gray Steven Umbach

Collene C. and Donald F. Goldman Scholar
Darara Bediso Borodge

Felix B. and Josephine I. Goldman Scholar
Bernadette Anneclare Peltier

Jake L. and Nancy B. Hamon Scholars
Bryant James Dixon
Zachary Michael Farni
Jessica Brinne Fults

David Crockett Harper, M.D., Scholar
Ryan Matthew Itoh
Charlyne and Bill Henslee Scholar
Rigo Estevan Palomarez

A.G. Hilley Scholars
Taylore Anna King
Vi Hung Pham
Swetha Ramamurthy
Terrul Leroy Henderson Ratcliff
Stephen Matthew Rodriguez
Kaili Yang

Helen Maurine Jacobs Scholars
Jacqueline Ann Chavez
Clementine Foucher Young

Jack M. and Carole V. Kinnebrew Scholars
Ryan Matthew Itoh
Amy Xia

Mr. and Mrs. M.A. McBee Scholars
Bryan Lynn Bishop
Jane Liang Zhu

Dr. M. Hill and Dorothy Metz Scholars
Olivia Tram Nguyen
Carolyn Michelle Shanks
May Chong Xac

Morning Star Family Foundation Scholars
Asher Horowitz
Tyler Rey Huffaker
Edgar Martinez

Tom F. Parker, III, M.D., Scholar
Waqas Zia Haque

Pillow Family Medical Student Scholars
Christian Jacob Brewer
Matthew Gregory

Shirley P. Pollock Scholar
William Christopher Ou

Psi Chapter of Theta Kappa Psi Scholars
Zoe Brown
Ryan Matthew Itoh

Linda and Joel Robuck Family Scholars
Khanh Huy Nguyen
Samarth Shrivastava

Ralph B. Rogers Scholar
Aladdin Sameer Khalaf
Harold B. and May E. Sanders Scholar
Tyler James Yates

Anne C. Schoellkopf Scholars
Sandra Chavez-Carmona
Rohit George
Sadia Karani
Sandy Kim

Ramya Krothapally
Reshma Narain
Rigo Estevan Palomarez

J.W. Simmons Scholars
Anthony Quang Dao
Avinash Prasanna Jayaraman
Aseel Ali Dweik
Anya Marie Kalsbeek

Catherine B. Taylor Scholar
Justin Marshall O’Brien

Vanatta Scholar
Angelina Isibor Iyinbor

Helen and Juan R. Vilaró-Grau Scholar
Katherine Cantu

Evelyn M. Whitman Scholar
William Harrison Young

Bryan Williams, M.D., Scholars
Blaine Harley Berger
Darara Bediso Borodge
Brandon Colt Fletcher
Calvin Xin Geng
Sabhi Gull
Akinjide Onifade
Bradley Dean Upchurch
William Harrison Young

Wyndham International, Inc., Scholars
May Chong Xac
Judy Huining Yang

Xi Phi Chi Benefit Association Scholars
Naveen Kishore Balakrishnan
Blaine Harley Berger
Hamza Arshad Bhalli
Ricardo Garza, Jr.
Trung Tan Nguyen
Brian Daniel Wahlig
UT Southwestern Medical Center Scholarship Recipients

James Harbert Bain Family Memorial Scholarship
Max Dario Cruz
Jessica Brinne Fults
Joshua Logan Pierce

Belkin Scholarship
Samantha Monique Black       Inkkaruch Kuprasertkul
Maya Louise Hunt              Jason Lu
Darren Monivann Imphean      Kayla Maaraoui
Ryan Matthew Itoh             Harris Hashim Majeed
Kathryn Michelle Jan          Sarah Ashley Manning
Avinash Prasanna Jayaraman   Priya Mary Mathew
Michael Xincheng Ji           Jack Michael McDaniel
Anya Marie Kalsbeek           Courtney Michelle McNeely
Sadia Karani                  Priyanka Chetan Mehta
Laura Elizabeth Kenyon        Lakshmi Menon-Dawson
Sandy Kim                    Nikola Milanko
Taylore Anna King             Reshma Narain
Kathryn Elizabeth Krause      Danh Quang Nguyen
Ramya Krothapally

William F. and Peggy W. Bockhoff Scholarship
Logan Grant Mills

Robert Erik Boehning Scholarship
Jennifer Nicole Bachand

Bernard H. Chaiken, M.D. Medical Student Scholarship
Alexander Joseph Bass          Reshma Narain
Connor Thomas Hughes           Rigo Estevan Palomarez
Ramya Krothapally

Class of 1955 Scholarship
Gray Steven Umbach

Class of 1993 Scholarship
Alexander Joseph Bass
Alvin Chung

Martha W. Coleman, M.D. Scholarship
Jacqueline Ann Chavez

Wirt and Hannah Davis Medical School Scholarship
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John Thomas Menchaca           Zoe Renee Tao
Leah Rey Mikesky               Lelia Errett Williams
Anika Vanesa Morgado
John A. DeKrey, M.D., Scholarship
Ricardo Garza, Jr.
Kyle Hong Saysana

Edmund Eickenroht Scholarship
Demetra Patricia Kelenis

Bill Hauser, M.D., Scholarship
Joseph Andrew Balaban

Clarence Thomas Hill, Jr., M.D., Scholarship
Anjanya Devendra Singh

Leone V. Hopper Medical Scholarship
Ricardo Garza, Jr. Ramya Krothapally
Connor Thomas Hughes Olivia Tram Nguyen
Ryan Matthew Itoh

Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarship for Community Service
Priya Mary Mathew Thanos George Rossopoulos

William Edgar Lockhart, Jr., M.D., Scholarship
Aishwarya Ramamurthi

George Edward Longshie Scholarship
Alvin Chung
Aishwarya Ramamurthi
Clementine Foucher Young

Minnie L. Maffett Scholarship
Jennifer Nicole Bachand Aishwarya Ramamurthi
Jeffrey Niu Li Layla Zahra Samandi

Medical Center Woman's Club Scholarship
Sabhi Gull

Joe T. Nelson Memorial Scholarship
Gray Steven Umbach

James T. Norwood, M.D., and Cecilia S. Norwood Medical School Scholarship
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Kayla Marie Robinson

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Inkkaruch Kuprasertkul

Catherine Taylor Gastroenterology Scholarship
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Hasan Ali  
Amber Nicole Allen  
Isabel Maria Alvarez  
Chukwubinyelum Chukwueloka Amaechi  
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Max Dario Cruz  
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Dang-Huy Do  
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Micah Thomas Gamble  
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Leon Gu  
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Cooper Watson Hale  
Omar Hassan Harirah  
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Diana Tran Hoang  
Maya Louise Hunt  
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Courtney Michelle McNeely  
Priyanka Chetan Mehta  
John Thomas Menchaca  
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Nikola Milanko  
Daniel Mohammad  
Navina Mohan  
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Danh Quang Nguyen  
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Christine Jiyou Park  
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Vi Hung Pham  
Meredith Meyer Rae  
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Hasan Ali                   Christine Mylan Dang

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Student Research Recognition

UT Southwestern Dean’s Research Scholars
Rodney Chen
Gray Steven Umbach

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust *(London, UK)*
Connor Thomas Hughes

UT Southwestern Medical Student Research Forum Oral Presenters
Dang-Huy Do
Calvin Xin Geng
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Layla Zahra Samandi

Medical University of South Carolina Clinical Research Fellow
Flora Yan

Community Action Research Track

The Community Action Research Track (CART) program is an innovative response to the need for integrating community-based participatory research, population medicine, health promotion/disease prevention, and social determinants of health into the medical school curriculum. This experience provides students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to effectively contribute to reducing and eliminating health disparities among the underserved. The CART program prepares future physicians to be aware of social, psychological, economic, and cultural determinants of health by participating in comprehensive service-learning experiences.

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ACADEMIC HERALDRY AND REGALIA

Although the people, the places, and the styles have changed, you are about to participate in a reenactment of a ceremony that has existed for nearly nine centuries: the recognition of academic achievement.

The tradition of recognizing academic accomplishment with ceremony, bright color, and distinctive dress is an exercise that has existed through the ages. Although the commencement ceremony and academic costume of most colleges and universities in the United States today is guided by a twentieth century standard, their roots are found in the development of the universities during the Middle Ages. The medieval universities of Western Europe, such as Paris, Bologna, Cambridge, and Oxford, have provided us with an institutional format -- the university structure; a measure of progress -- degrees; and a ceremony of achievement -- commencement.

The academic hood is derived from the cloak, which in medieval times was worn over the gown. Attached to the cloak at the back of the neck was a cowl hood, which hung down or could be pulled over the head for warmth. After time, this hood became a separate article, worn over the shoulders and hanging down the wearer's back. With the coming into fashion of caps and hats during the fifteenth century, the hoods soon became more ornamental than functional.

Whereas it is generally understood that in Europe gowns were necessary for warmth and hoods covered the academic clerics’ tonsured heads, today the American tradition has evolved toward individual expression of the institution. Although the style of the hood is not unique to each institution, the combinations of colors and chevrons have been standardized in the United States for nearly 100 years. The satin colors of the hood lining represent the institution conferring the degree. The academic colors for all components of The University of Texas System are orange and white. The color of the academic hood’s velvet trim is distinctive of the degree earned, as is the tassel on the cap. Historical associations of color continue to signify the various faculties and generally carry the traditions established by their early English counterparts. The green of medicinal herbs immediately identifies a medical degree. Philosophy is signified by dark blue, the traditional color of truth and wisdom. The wealth of information earned through research in science is represented by golden yellow. The arts, letters, and humanity are represented by the purity of white.

Cords worn with academic regalia:
- Green and gold - Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society
- Maroon and gold - Gold Humanism Honor Society
- Red, white, and blue - U.S. Armed Forces, Active Duty and Veterans
- Solid color - Medical School Academic College

Light blue stoles:
- Southwestern Academy of Teachers

Medals:
- The University of Texas Academy of Health Science Educators
- UT System Regents’ Outstanding Teacher Award
Degrees will be officially conferred to candidates for graduation identified in this commencement booklet who have met all requirements on the recommendation of the faculty of UT Southwestern Medical School and by virtue of the authority vested in the faculty and dean by the Regents of The University of Texas.