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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



Fifty-First Commencement Ceremony

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University of California, Davis

Founded in 1908 as the University Farm, the University of California, Davis, has become one of the country's top teaching and research universities. Building on its historical strengths in the agricultural and biological sciences, UC Davis has developed comparable stature in the arts, social sciences, humanities, environmental sciences, engineering and physical sciences. It excels, as well, in the professional areas of law, education, medicine, nursing, veterinary medicine and management.

The campus is dedicated to teaching students to be independent thinkers and lifelong learners, to pursuing research that advances our knowledge of the world and to serving the public by sharing and applying those discoveries. UC Davis is committed to effective engagement with the many communities it serves—in the state, the nation and the world.

The School of Medicine

The UC Davis School of Medicine accomplishes its three fundamental missions— teaching, research and public service—through the collective contributions of more than 710 regular faculty (including physicians and basic scientists), 2,200 volunteer clinical faculty and 1,100 staff personnel.

Founding dean, C. John Tupper, M.D., was appointed in 1966. The inaugural class was admitted in 1968 and graduated in 1972. The Medical Sciences I Complex, the school's first permanent facility for instruction, research and administration, was completed in 1977. Four years earlier, the university acquired the Sacramento County Hospital as its primary clinical facility and renamed it the UC Davis Medical Center. Major renovations and expansions of the hospital and clinics were undertaken to create a modern academic medical center.

In a typical year, the school graduates 120 new physicians, some of whom also earn Ph.D. degrees in one of our basic science departments. Our M.D. graduates now number 4,477.

Academic Symbols

The academic dress worn by those in the procession includes the cap, gown and hood and indicates the level of the highest degree obtained by the wearer, as well as the nature of the degree and the institution that granted it. The gowns of holders of bachelor's degrees are closed in the front and have full-length sleeves. Master's degree gowns are open in the front, and have pointed, elbow-length sleeves. The doctor's degree level is indicated by a gown having velvet facings at the front and three velvet bars across each of the full bell-shaped sleeves. Hoods are faced with velvet in the color that represents the field of study in which the degree is awarded and are lined with satin in the colors of the university awarding the degree. The M.D. degree is indicated by green velvet and, for the University of California, a blue and gold satin lining. Doctoral level hoods are in the full shape with a rounded base and are four feet in length. Caps are worn by holders of all degrees and their design varies slightly, depending on the degree-granting university. Holders of doctoral degrees may wear a gold tassel and a tam.

Among the faculty will be several with gowns of very different characteristics. These usually indicate a degree from a non-American university, a member of one of the American Specialty Colleges (the American College of Surgeons or the American College of Physicians), or a unique gown designed for and approved by a specific university.

The School of Medicine banner is green in keeping with the academic color of medicine.

Program

OPENING

Fred Meyers, M.D.
Director of the Center for Precision Medicine and Data Sciences

ACADEMIC PROCESSION AND ENTRY OF CANDIDATES

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Chair UC Davis School of Medicine Faculty Executive Committee

WELCOME REMARKS

Mark Servis, M.D.
Vice Dean for Medical Education

VICE CHANCELLOR REMARKS

David Lubarsky, M.D., M.B.A.
Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer, UC Davis Health

DEAN'S REMARKS

Susan Murin, M.D.
Interim to Dean, UC Davis School of Medicine

STUDENT SPEAKER FOR THE CLASS OF 2022

Rene Phan
Candidate for the degree of Doctor of Medicine
"Same, but Different"

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Sharad Jain, M.D.
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PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

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Presenting the
LOREN D. CARLSON STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE MEDAL
ELI BENJAMINI ENDOWED FUND FOR BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
GOLDEN GOBLET AWARD
OFFICE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION MEDICAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2022

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CONFERRING THE DEGREES

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ANNOUNCING NAMES OF NEW PHYSICIANS

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PLACING OF ACADEMIC HOODS

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THE UC DAVIS PHYSICIAN'S OATH

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Members of the Gold Humanism Honor Society wear a white and gold honor cord.

Loren D. Carlson Endowed Scholarship Research Award

Loren D. Carlson, M.D. was one of the school's founding faculty. He first came to Davis as an assistant dean and chairman of the division of sciences basic to medicine in 1966. Every year since 1973, an award has been given for one outstanding medical student in recognition of their significant contribution to research in the medical sciences while enrolled as a medical student. It is the School of Medicine Faculty Research Affairs Committee who selects the winner.

The School of Medicine Medal

The School of Medicine Medal is presented to the student who best displays the qualities of leadership, scholarship and respect for human life that are so necessary to fulfill a physician's pledge to be of service to humanity.

Eli Benjamini Endowed Fund for Biological Sciences

This endowment was established in 2009 from the estate of Professor Benjamini. He was one of our founding faculty members in 1970. The fund is intended to honor the most outstanding senior doctoral student whose studies are within one of the fields of biological sciences. Selection of the recipient was made by the first and second year pre-clinical Basic Science Faculty.

The Golden Goblet Award

The Golden Goblet is a special award, indeed. The Goblet symbolizes the Davis campus and the School of Medicine at UC Davis, which aspire to teach physicians of excellence. It symbolizes the deep roots of this campus in the soil of California, the study of the fruits of the earth, and the application of science and inquiry to the betterment of humankind. It is the cup of joy and celebration of deep fulfillment in service to others. It is the cup of commitment, which seeks sometimes to heal, often to relieve and always to comfort. It is awarded each year to that member of the graduating class who, in the opinion of the class, best and most consistently demonstrates this joy and commitment. The recipient is chosen by secret ballot of the members of the graduating class. The School of Medicine, in cognizance of the unbroken lineage of physicians from ancient days to the future, asks the recipient of the Golden Goblet to return it to us when he or she no longer practices medicine, for presentation to yet another young physician.

OME Scholarship Award

The faculty and staff in the Office of Medical Education have come together to establish the OME Scholarship Fund. An internal OME Scholarship Committee was convened to establish the criteria for the annual student scholarship. Overall, the committee felt it was important to award the scholarship to an individual whom we all know. Therefore, the scholarship will be given to a fourth year student in recognition of his/her entire medical school career.

This person will have:

- displayed good citizenship; be a well-rounded individual who has demonstrated service to the School of Medicine and/or provided community outreach
- been helpful to faculty and staff; gone above and beyond when asked to help
- consistently demonstrated respect and dignity for others; served as a role model

Nominations for the scholarship will be submitted annually by OME faculty and staff members. The individual must be in good academic standing.

Class of 2022 Awards

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE MEDAL

Stephanie Rasmussen

GOLDEN GOBLET AWARD

Jacqueline Williams

LOREN D. CARLSON ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP RESEARCH AWARD

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ELI BENJAMINI ENDOWED FUND FOR BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Lillian Zhang

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Diego Anaya

HEALING ARTS AWARD

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Jing Mai

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Tuyet Tran

MANSOOR ALLY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Bilawal Mahood

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY PRIME ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Kao Houa Vang

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Ashley Abraham

Ugur Basmaci

Silvia Bastea

Tess Engel

Samantha Fisch

Isabella Leon

Jeannie Park

Stephanie Rasmussen

Lindsey Weber

Jacqueline Williams

Sarah Williams

Department Awards

OUTSTANDING MEDICAL STUDENT IN ANESTHESIOLOGY & PAIN MEDICINE

Anastasiia Zhelokhovtseva

Quintin Kuse

OUTSTANDING MEDICAL STUDENT IN BIOCHEMISTRY
AND MOLECULAR MEDICINE

Romir Maheshwary

THE DEPARTMENT OF CELL BIOLOGY AND HUMAN ANATOMY
BARRY F. KING MEMORIAL AWARD

Romir Maheshwary

THE SOCIETY OF ACADEMIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE
AWARD IN EXCELLENCE

Carmen Estrada Huerta

FAMILY & COMMUNITY MEDICINE AWARD IN EXCELLENCE

Phallaraingsey Chhay

OUTSTANDING MEDICAL STUDENT IN GASTROENTEROLOGY

Stephanie Rasmussen

ERNEST M. GOLD AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTERNAL MEDICINE

Antoinette Alugbue

Alex Lee

OUTSTANDING MEDICAL STUDENT IN NEUROLOGY

John Paul Aboubecharra

OUTSTANDING MEDICAL STUDENT IN OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY

Alexandra Calderon

OUTSTANDING MEDICAL STUDENT IN
OPHTHALMOLOGY & VISION SCIENCE

Monica Lieng

John Mark

OUTSTANDING MEDICAL STUDENT IN ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY

George Chavez

Kelsey Hideshima

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN OTOLARYNGOLOGY

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ROBERT E. STOWELL, M.D., PH.D. AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PATHOLOGY

Tess Engel

CRYSTIE HALSTED AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PEDIATRICS

Sancy Childers

OUTSTANDING MEDICAL STUDENT IN PHARMACOLOGY

Stephanie Rasmussen

OUTSTANDING MEDICAL STUDENT IN
PHYSICAL MEDICINE & REHABILITATION

Lydia Henderson

PETER M. CALA OUTSTANDING MEDICAL STUDENT
IN PHYSIOLOGY & MEMBRANE BIOLOGY

Romir Maheshwary

HEINEMAN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN
PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE

Corrine Cushing

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Phat Tan Nguyen

OUTSTANDING MEDICAL STUDENT IN SURGERY

Diego Anaya

RURAL PRIME OUTSTANDING MEDICAL STUDENT AWARD

Marissa Westerland

SJV PRIME OUTSTANDING MEDICAL STUDENT AWARD

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Ross Perry

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EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Averyl Shinkruk, M.D.

FAMILY MEDICINE

Elizabeth Tennant, M.D.

INTERNAL MEDICINE

Conan Liu, M.D.

OBSTETRICS & GYNOCLOGY

Keyon Mitchell, M.D.

PEDIATRICS

Daphne Darmawan, M.D.

PSYCHIATRY

Garret Peck, M.D.

SURGERY

Lauren Coleman, M.D.

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Now being admitted to the high calling of the physician, I solemnly pledge to consecrate my life to the care of the sick, the promotion of the health and the service of humanity.

I will practice medicine with conscience and in truth. The health and dignity of my patients will be my first concern. I will hold in confidence all that my patients relate to me. I will not permit considerations including those based on race, ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, religious or political beliefs, or any of the other differences among people that have been excuses for misunderstanding, dissension or hatred to influence my duty to care for those in need of my service.

I will respect the moral right of patients to participate fully in the medical decisions that affect them.

I will assist my patients to make choices that coincide with their own values and beliefs.

I will try to increase my competence constantly and respect those who teach and those who broaden our knowledge by research. I will try to prevent, as well as cure, disease. I make these promises solemnly, freely, and upon my honor.

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Hail to California!

Hail to California, Alma Mater dear
Sing the joyful chorus, Sound it far and near
Rallying 'round her banner, We will never fail
California Alma Mater; Hail! Hail! Hail!

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