

# **SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**



## **Fifty-Third Commencement Ceremony**

*May 18, 2024*

*Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center  
or the Performing Arts*

# 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 110 new physicians, some of whom also earn Ph.D. degrees in one of our basic science departments. Our M.D. graduates now number 4,929.

## 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

Frederick J. Meyers, M.D., MACP  
Director, Academic Research Careers for Medical Doctors (ARC-MD)

## ACADEMIC PROCESSION AND ENTRY OF CANDIDATES

Angie Gelli, Ph.D.  
Professor, Department of Pharmacology  
FEC Secretary

## WELCOME REMARKS

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

## DEAN'S REMARKS

Susan Murin, M.D.  
Interim Dean

## STUDENT SPEAKER FOR THE CLASS OF 2024

Cameron Clerkley  
Candidate for the degree of Doctor of Medicine  
*"Med School, We Did That"*

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Monica Soni, M.D.  
Chief Medical Officer Covered California  
*"The Cure is Curiosity"*

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Ruth Shim, M.D.  
Associate Dean for Diverse & Inclusive Education  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE MEDAL  
GOLDEN GOBLET AWARD

## PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2024

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CONFERRING THE DEGREE

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ANNOUNCING NAMES OF NEW PHYSICIANS

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Associate Dean for Diverse and Inclusive Learning Communities

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PLACING OF ACADEMIC HOODS

Sharad Jain, M.D.  
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THE UC DAVIS PHYSICIAN'S OATH

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RECESSIONAL

The Stage Party, the Class of 2024, the Faculty

# School of Medicine

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

## **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.

## **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.



# **Class of 2024 Awards**

## **SCHOOL OF MEDICINE MEDAL**

TO BE ANNOUNCED AT COMMENCEMENT

## **GOLDEN GOBLET AWARD**

TO BE ANNOUNCED AT COMMENCEMENT

## **LOREN D. CARLSON ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP RESEARCH AWARD**

SYLVIA CRUZ

## **ELI BENJAMINI ENDOWED FUND FOR BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

ERNESTO RIVERA

## **O.M.E. MEDICAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

HANNAH TAK

## **RENA & GABRIEL SMILKSTEIN HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

CAMERON CLERKLEY

## **J.T. SIMON LIE, MD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

ANASTASIYA STASYUK

## **MERCK MANUAL AWARDS**

NAJIBA AFZAL

ALEC MCLEOD

SUMMER MEYER

## **ALLAN T. NUNN, MD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

SAMANTHA WONG

**DAVID M. IGDALOFF, MD & MICHAEL A. IGDALOFF MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**  
SUREN NAJARYAN

**EDWARD J. HURLEY, MD SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**  
BENJAMIN VAN

**HEALING ARTS AWARD**  
LAURA POTTER

**HELEN MCCONNELL PALTHE FELLOWSHIP AWARD**  
MATTHEW NEDJAT-HAIEM

**JAMES FRANKLIN MCMANUS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**  
SARAH SPIVACK

**THE JOHNSON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**  
JESSLYN MAGEE-GONZALEZ

**MANSOOR ALLY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**  
VIVIANA RIOS

**REACH ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**  
ADELA RAMOS-MARTINEZ

## **Department Awards**

### **OUTSTANDING MEDICAL STUDENT IN ANESTHESIOLOGY & PAIN MEDICINE**

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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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