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**C O M M E N C E M E N T**

FRIDAY

APRIL 28, 2023

1:30 PM

CENTER FOR THE ARTS, NORTH CAMPUS

Allison Brashear  
*Vice President and Dean*

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Eric C. Alcott  
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David A. Milling  
Timothy F. Murphy  
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John C. Panepinto  
Teresa Quattrin

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Anyango Kamina  
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David E. Shubert  
Mark Sutton  
Robert N. Taylor  
Diana G. Wilkins

# Program

*This commencement marks the 176th for the University at Buffalo. The original class, in 1847, had 17 graduates. They completed their first lecture term elsewhere and their second term, of 16 weeks, at the University at Buffalo.*

**Processional**

Selections from  
Pomp and Circumstance  
*By Edward Elgar*

**Grand Marshal**

Suzanne G. Laychock, PhD

**Faculty Marshal**

Peter L. Elkin, MD

**Student Marshals**

David Freedman, PhD  
Sikandar Khan, MD

**Declaration by  
Grand Marshal**

Suzanne G. Laychock, PhD

**National Anthem\***

Docapella

**Call to Order**

Allison Brashear, MD, MBA  
*Vice President for Health Sciences  
Dean, Jacobs School of Medicine and  
Biomedical Sciences*

**Greetings**

Satish K. Tripathi, PhD  
*University President*

**Honored Speaker**

Eric Rubin, MD, PhD  
*Editor and Chief,  
New England Journal of Medicine*

**Class Speaker**

Joseph Lesh

**Presentation of Parent's  
Council Gift**

Pamela Lojacono  
*Parent's Council President*

**Presentation of Candidates  
Doctor of Medicine/  
Doctor of Philosophy**

Robert N. Taylor, MD, PhD  
*Director, MD-PhD Program*

**Conferrer of Degrees**

President Tripathi

**Calling of Candidates**

Dori R. Marshall, MD  
*Associate Dean and  
Director of Admissions*

**Hooding**

Hooding Party/Major Professor

**Presentation of Candidates  
Doctor of Medicine/ Master of  
Public Health Administration**

Jessica Kulak, PhD, MPH, MS  
*Acting Director of Graduate Studies, MPD  
Programs*

**Conferrer of Degrees**

President Tripathi

**Calling of Candidates**

Associate Dean Marshall

**Hooding**

Hooding Party/Major Professor

**Presentation of Candidates**

**Doctor of Medicine/  
Master of Business  
Administration**

Philip L. Glick, MD, MBA  
*MBA Liaison for UB Health Sciences  
and the School of Management*

**Conferrer of Degrees**

President Tripathi

**Calling of Candidates**

Associate Dean Marshall

**Hooding**

Hooding Party/Major Professor

**Presentation of Candidates**

**Doctor of Medicine**

David A. Milling, MD  
*Executive Director of the  
Office of Medical Education,  
Senior Associate Dean for  
Medical Education*

**Conferrer of Degrees**

President Tripathi

**Calling of Candidates**

Associate Dean Marshall

**Hooding**

Samantha Bordonaro, MD  
Scott Darling, MD  
Alan J. Lesse, MD  
David Holmes, MD  
Lisa Jane Jacobsen, MD  
Jennifer A. Meka, PhD  
Nicholas J. Silvestri, MD  
Robert N. Taylor, MD, PhD

### **Signing Book of Physicians**

Senior Associate Dean Milling

### **Charge of Maimonides**

Senior Associate Dean Milling

### **The Oath**

Dean Brashear

### **Welcome to Alumni Association**

Lori Luzi, MD '88

*President of Alumni Association*

### **Alma Mater**

Docapella

### **\*Recessional**

Triumphal March from Aida

*By Giuseppe Verdi*

*\*Guests will please rise and remain standing during the Recessional.*

*All are invited to a reception in the atrium immediately following the ceremony.*

The music performed for the commencement ceremony by "Cathedral Brass" is provided by the Department of Emergency Medicine in honor of the following graduates who are entering Emergency Medicine for their residency training:

Erin Elizabeth Clough  
James Joseph Ghosen  
Blake Allan Peterson  
Noah Matthew Petti  
Joshua Karekin Taubman

*Today's ceremony is being recorded and will be available for on-line viewing within ten days at the following site: [www.buffalo.edu/commencement](http://www.buffalo.edu/commencement)*



## SUNY Trustee and UB Officials

### Eunice Ashman Lewin

*Member of the State University of New York Board of Trustees*



President and co-founder of Impacto Consulting Associates, Eunice Ashman Lewin joined the SUNY Board of Trustees in February 2010. She helped reinstate the Student Life Committee, which she co-chairs. In

this role, she spearheaded the creation of the Food Insecurity and the Mental Health task forces. Lewin serves on the board's Executive Committee and the committees for academic affairs, communications and external affairs, community colleges, and academic medical centers and hospitals.

A former commissioner of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, Lewin was a founding member of the Roswell Park Alliance and a board member of the Buffalo Urban League and Hispanics United of Buffalo. She is a member of the Hispanic Women's League and the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable. Most recently, Lewin was named co-chair of the 5/14 Remembrance Committee to honor the mass shooting victims of the May 14 tragedy in East Buffalo.

A retired bilingual social worker for the Buffalo Board of Education, she is a champion for STEM education.

Born in Guantanamo, Cuba, Lewin immigrated to the U.S. with her family in 1967. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Marymount Manhattan College and master's degrees in American and Puerto Rican studies, and in educational administration, from UB.

### Jeremy M. Jacobs

*Chairman of the University at Buffalo Council*



Jeremy M. Jacobs was appointed to the UB Council in 1997; in 1998, then-Gov. George Pataki named him chairman. Jacobs is chairman of Delaware North, a global hospitality company with customers in the United States, Australia,

New Zealand and the United Kingdom. The company's operations include food and retail at airports and sports venues, sports facility ownership and management, operations of parks and major tourist attractions, hotel ownership and management, gaming operations and fine dining.

Jacobs owns the Boston Bruins and serves as chairman of the National Hockey League's Board of Governors. In 2018, he received the sport's highest honor when he was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

An alumnus of UB's School of Management and Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program, Jacobs holds honorary doctorates in humane letters from UB, Canisius College, Niagara University and Johnson & Wales University. In 2015, his family donated \$30 million to advance UB's medical school, which was renamed the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Jacobs has served Western New York for more than four decades with his business expertise and philanthropic leadership, and Delaware North has received multiple awards for social responsibility, community service and environmental stewardship.

A longtime friend and supporter of UB, Jacobs has served as chairman, trustee and director of the UB Foundation, chairman of the President's Board of Visitors and adviser to the School of Management.

### Satish K. Tripathi

*University President*



An internationally distinguished researcher and higher education leader, Satish K. Tripathi, PhD, is the University at Buffalo's 15th president.

Tripathi, who served as UB's provost from 2004-2011, was dean of the Bourns College of Engineering at the University of California, Riverside from 1997-2004. Previously, he spent 19 years as professor of computer science at the University of Maryland, including seven years as department chair. A fellow of the IEEE and the AAAS, he has published more than 200 scholarly papers, supervised more than 30 doctoral and postdoctoral students and served on program committees of numerous international conferences.

Tripathi graduated at the top of his class from Banaras Hindu University (BHU). He holds a master's degree and a doctorate in computer science from the University of Toronto, as well as master's degrees in statistics from the University of Alberta and BHU. He has received honorary doctorates from the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad, and Brock University in Canada.

Tripathi serves on the College Football Playoff Board of Managers and chairs the Internet2 board of trustees. Previously, he was chair of the Mid-American Conference Council of Presidents and on the boards of NCAA Division I, NCAA Board of Governors, the Association of American Universities, the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. A past member of the Reimagine NY Commission, he was the inaugural co-chair of the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council.

## Honored Speaker

### A. Scott Weber

*Provost and Executive Vice President  
for Academic Affairs*



As provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, A. Scott Weber, PhD, serves as the university's chief academic officer, providing leadership across the academic enterprise including

research, scholarship and creative activities; undergraduate, graduate, professional and international education; faculty development; diversity and inclusion initiatives; and university libraries. Weber is leading the implementation of the university's vision to be recognized among the top 25 public research universities in the nation, focused on building on UB's strengths to achieve new levels of excellence in research, scholarship, education, clinical care and engagement.

A member of UB's faculty since 1983, Weber is an innovative scholar and teacher and former chair of UB's Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering. During his time as chair, the department rose significantly in national rankings. Weber has held progressively responsible administrative roles at UB, including senior vice provost and vice provost for academic affairs, where he was instrumental in the creation of the UB Curriculum and the nationally recognized Finish in 4 program; and vice president for student life, where he focused on enhancing the student experience on campus and promoting overall student wellness.

Weber earned bachelor's and master's of science degrees in civil engineering from Virginia Polytechnical Institute and a PhD in civil engineering from the University of California, Davis.

### Allison Brashear

*Vice President for Health Sciences  
Dean of the Jacobs School of Medicine  
and Biomedical Sciences*



An internationally renowned neurologist and researcher in movement disorders, Allison Brashear, MD, MBA, joined the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences as vice president for health sciences and dean in 2021.

Over the past three decades, she has made an impact as an expert in ATP1A3-related diseases, a spectrum of rare neurologic disorders, and has continuously been RO1 funded by the National Institutes of Health since 2008. She is currently the principal investigator for the Clinical Genetic and Cellular Consequences of Mutations in ATP1A3 project and has served as the principal investigator on more than 40 clinical trials in cervical dystonia and spasticity, leading to three FDA-approved medications.

Prior to UB, Brashear was dean of the University of California, Davis School of Medicine, as well as a professor and the Walter C. Teagle Endowed Chair of Neurology at Wake Forest School of Medicine.

Brashear earned her medical degree and completed her neurology residency at Indiana University School of Medicine. She earned her MBA at Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. She completed the Association of American Medical Colleges Council of Deans fellowship program in 2014 and has completed leadership programs at Harvard University, Drexel University and UC Berkeley.

Brashear is a trustee of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation and was recently elected to the Association of American Medical Colleges Council of Deans Administrative Board. She has been a lifelong champion of diversity, inclusion and patient-centered care.

### Eric Rubin, MD, PhD

*Adjunct Professor of Immunology and  
Infectious Disease, Harvard TH Chan School of  
Public Health and Associate Physician, BWH*



Eric Rubin has been Editor-in-Chief at the *New England Journal of Medicine* since 2019 after serving as an Associate Editor for several years. He is an infectious disease physician at the Brigham and Women's

Hospital and a tuberculosis researcher at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health.

Eric holds an AB degree from Harvard College and MD and PhD degrees from Tufts University. He was a resident and clinical fellow at the Massachusetts General Hospital and a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard Medical School. Eric was the Irene Heinz Given Professor and Chair of the Department of Immunology and Infectious Disease before joining *NEJM* full time but continues to do lab work at the Harvard Chan School. He is Professor of Medicine at the Harvard Medical School and Adjunct Professor at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology and a member of the National Academy of Medicine.

## Program Notes

### Graduation And Commencement Awards Committee

Emily Bellet, BS  
Samantha Bordonaro, MD  
Jennifer Britton, MS  
Caroline Campbell, EdM  
Sarah Crissy, BS  
Alan J. Lesse, MD  
David A. Milling, MD  
Sherene Milizia, EdM  
Mary Schaus  
Nicholas J. Silvestri, MD  
Julie Szrama, MS  
Laura Willgohe, BS, BA  
Laura Yusick, JD  
Karen Zinnerstrom, PhD

### Alpha Omega Alpha

Christopher S. Cohan, PhD,  
*Secretary/Treasurer*  
Anne B. Curtis, MD  
Philip L. Glick, MD, MBA  
Faye E. Justicia-Linde, MD, *Vice-President*  
Alan J. Lesse, MD  
Randall Loftus, MD  
David A. Milling, MD  
Nicholas J. Silvestri, MD, *President/Interim Councilor*

### The Richard Sarkin/Emeritus Faculty Chapter Of The Gold Humanism Honor Society Administrative Committee

Nicholas J. Silvestri, MD, *Co-Advisor*  
Leonard A. Katz, MD, *Emeritus faculty*  
David A. Milling, MD, *Co-Advisor*  
Charles Paganelli, MD, *Emeritus faculty*  
Marcia Sarkin, *Mentor*

## Department Chairs

Stacey A. Watt, MD  
*Chair of Anesthesiology*

Mark R. O'Brian, PhD  
*Chair of Biochemistry*

Albert H. Titus, PhD  
*Chair of Biomedical Engineering*

Peter L. Elkin, MD  
*Chair of Biomedical Informatics*

Paul J. Kostyniak, PhD  
*Chair of Biotechnical and Clinical Laboratory Sciences*

Robert F. McCormack, MD  
*Chair of Emergency Medicine*

Andrea T. Manyon, MD  
*Chair of Family Medicine*

Brian M. Murray, MD  
*Interim Chair of Internal Medicine*

James D. Bangs, PhD  
*Chair of Microbiology and Immunology*

Gil I. Wolfe, MD  
*Chair of Neurology*

Elad I. Levy, MD  
*Chair of Neurosurgery*

Robert S. Miletich, MD, PhD  
*Chair of Nuclear Medicine*

Sarah L. Berga, MD  
*Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology*

James D. Reynolds, MD  
*Chair of Ophthalmology*

Leslie J. Bisson, MD  
*Chair of Orthopaedics*

David A. Sherris, MD  
*Chair of Otolaryngology*

John E. Tomaszewski, MD  
*Chair of Pathology and Anatomical Sciences*

Anne Marie Reynolds, MD, MPH  
*Interim Chair of Pediatrics*

David Dietz, PhD  
*Chair of Pharmacology and Toxicology*

Mikhail V. Pletnikov, MD, PhD  
*Chair of Physiology and Biophysics*

Steven L. Dubovsky, MD  
*Chair of Psychiatry*

Michael Kuettel, MD, PhD  
*Chair of Radiation Oncology*

Kenneth D. Pearsen, MD  
*Chair of Radiology*

Michael G. Malkowski, PhD  
*Chair of Structural Biology*

Steven D. Schwaitzberg, MD  
*Chair of Surgery*

K. Kent Chevli, MD  
*Chair of Urology*



**Doctor of Medicine / Doctor of Philosophy  
Dual Degree Program**

Candidate	Department	Dissertation/Mentor
Matthew Joseph McGuire	Neuroscience	<i>Preclinical Pharmacologic Modeling of NTS-104 and Test of Efficacy as a Neurotherapeutic</i> Mentor: David Poulsen, PhD
Yuhao Shi	Experimental Therapeutics (Roswell Park)	<i>Tumor Intrinsic Consequences of Acquired Resistance to PD-L1 Inhibition</i> Mentor: John Ebos, PhD
Jiho Sohn	Genetics, Genomics, and Bioinformatics	<i>Unraveling the role of microbiota in inflammatory bowel disease</i> Mentor: Keith Kirkwood, DDS, PhD

**Doctor of Medicine / Master of Public Health  
Dual Degree Program**

Kassidy Nicole Amburgey

**Doctor of Medicine / Master of Business Administration  
Dual Degree Program**

Tara Daly Russell  
Nilda Natasha Valenzuela  
Kyle Robert Wiatrowski

**Doctor of Medicine / Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery /  
MD Residency Program**

Michael G. Chernyak  
Adarsh Mehta



# Doctor of Medicine

## Candidates for Degrees:

*Subject to the completion of all degree requirements, degrees will be conferred as indicated upon those individuals listed herein who were identified by April 28, 2023, and upon such others as may meet the requirements of their respective degrees. Degree recipients will come forward to be congratulated during the commencement ceremony.*

### The Alpha Omega Alpha Cords

The green and gold cord is being worn by graduating students who are members of the national Alpha Omega Alpha honor medical society.

### The Latin Honor Cords

The solid gold cord is being worn by graduating students who have earned the academic distinction of Latin honors including cum laude, magna cum laude, or summa cum laude.

### The Gold Humanism Honor Society Cords

The gold and burgundy cord is being worn by graduating students who are members of the national Gold Humanism Honor Society.

### The Red, White and Blue Cord

The red, white and blue cord is being worn by graduating UB students who are reservists, newly commissioned officers or veterans of the United States armed forces.

Candidate	Training Program	Program Name
Austin Orion Ainsworth	Psychiatry	Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
Matthew Vickaran Akbar	Internal Medicine	Virginia Commonwealth University Health System, Richmond, VA
Hani Gabriel Al-Jabi-Lopez	Psychiatry	Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY
Nina Patricia Alcasid	Pediatrics	University of California (San Diego) Medical Center, San Diego, CA
Kassidy Nicole Amburgey	Family Medicine	Middlesex Hospital, Middletown, CT
Mark Rogers Andrews	Child Neurology	University of California (San Francisco) School of Medicine, San Francisco, CA
Sarah Catherine Andrews	Pediatrics	UPMC Medical Education, Pittsburgh, PA
Alex John Aponte	Psychiatry	Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA
Camille Taylor Applegate	Anesthesiology	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Sara Ann Armstrong	Internal Medicine	Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine, Charleston, SC
Ajay Baidur	Internal Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
John David Baker III	Medicine-Prelim/Dermatology	University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT
Austin Michael Barrett	Surgery	Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, NC
Jordan Andre Bauer	Orthopaedic Surgery	University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT
Dmitriy Belous	Medicine-Prelim/Ophthalmology	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Geoffrey Andrew Bocobo	Deferred Residency	Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, Manhasset, NY
Keenan Alvarez Borde	Emergency Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Gregory Thomas Brown	Family Medicine	NYU Long Island School of Medicine, Mineola, NY
Michael Jacob Custodio Calza	Pediatrics	Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
Ellie Trafford Camanzo	Internal Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Jeanvieve Lorrain Cannon	Anesthesiology	Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
Gabrielle Capone	Family Medicine	University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, VT
Jessie Anne Caprino	Internal Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Madeline Haase Carver	Psychiatry	Cooper Hospital-University Medical Center, Camden, NJ
Allison Marie Cash	Emergency Medicine	University of Virginia Medical Center, Charlottesville, VA
Ivonne Elizabeth Cedillos	Internal Medicine	

Candidate	Training Program	Program Name
Weilin Chan	Medicine-Prelim/Ophthalmology	Ohio State University Hospital, Columbus, OH
Renee Luo Chen	Psychiatry	One Brooklyn Health System, Brooklyn, NY
Michael G Chernyak	Oral Maxillofacial Surgery	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Ian Kevin Christman	Orthopaedic Surgery	Case Western Reserve University/University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, Cleveland, OH
Erin Elizabeth Clough	Emergency Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Meghan Murphy Cloutier	Internal Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Kelly Ann Connolly	Internal Medicine	New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York, NY
Chelsea R. Corinaldi	Psychiatry/Rural-EPC	State University of New York Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY
Anna Erin Davis	Medicine-Prelim	University of Miami Hospital and Clinics, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Devea Rani De	Medicine-Prelim/Dermatology	Atlantic Health, Morristown, NJ
Lillian Jane Dixon	Neurology	Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, Lake Success, NY
Patrick Francis Durkin	Pediatrics	Boston University Medical Center, Boston, MA
Fatima Hatim Elabass	Medicine-Prelim	Washington University/B-JH/SLCH Consortium, St Louis, MO
Sofia Elizabeth Espinosa Marazita	Obstetrics-Gynecology	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Nicole Marie Favre	Otolaryngology	Penn State Milton S Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, PA
Jamie Charles Floss	Anesthesiology	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Sarah Nicole Fortna	Internal Medicine/Indianapolis	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Thomas John Fretz	Internal Medicine/Indianapolis	Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
Andrey Galper	Transitional/Radiology-Diagnostic	Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
James Joseph Ghosen	Emergency medicine	Bassett Medical Center, Cooperstown, NY
Elliana Markella Gianacopoulos	Obstetrics-Gynecology	University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, VT
Shawn Alexander Gibson	Emergency Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Austin Scott Goldsamt	Surgery-Prelim	University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT
Taylor Shea Goodman	Pediatrics	State University of New York Downstate Health Sciences University, Brooklyn, NY
Nicholas James Graffeo	Anesthesiology	St Elizabeth's Medical Center, Boston, MA
Daniel Joseph Greenberg	Emergency Medicine/Jacobi	Children's National Medical Center, Washington, DC
Connor James Gust	Internal Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Paul Brian Hart	Internal Medicine	Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
Finn Lee Hennig	Urology	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Michael Joseph Heyden	Medicine-Prelim	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
James Wesley Hill	Internal Medicine	University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston, TX
Alex Michael Hollenberg	Orthopaedic Surgery	Washington University/B-JH/SLCH Consortium, St Louis, MO
Christine Marie Hook	Family medicine	Rochester General Hospital, Batavia, NY
Adam Xavier Howard	Psychiatry	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Din Hoxha	Internal Medicine	Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH
Jacquelyn JianQiao Huang	Medicine-Primary	State University of New York Downstate Health Sciences University, Brooklyn, NY

Candidate	Training Program	Program Name
Gary James Iacobucci	Psychiatry	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Mohammed Ismail	Anesthesiology	Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, New Hyde Park, NY
Aleena Zainab Jafri	Pediatrics	Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
Tanya Verma Jimerson	Internal Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Colin Michael Johnson Jr.	General Surgery	Rutgers Health, Newark, NJ
Elaine Margarite Jonas	Emergency Medicine	NYU Grossman School of Medicine, New York, NY
Chaitya Rajesh Joshi	Internal Medicine	Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
Dana Kapeller-Libermann	Child Neurology	Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA
Dilpreet Kaur-Spencer	Neurology	Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, WA
Kristen Marie Kelly	Neurology	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Ariel Joy Kent	Obstetrics-Gynecology	Kaiser Permanente Northern California, San Francisco, CA
Joanna Kiperman	Pediatrics	Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, New Hyde Park, NY
Alexander Robert Kovacs	Orthopaedic Surgery	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Lorna Elizabeth Krabill	Medicine-Psychiatry	Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA
Katarina Gabrielle Krajacic	Obstetrics-Gynecology	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Timothy-Paul Hwong Kung	Internal Medicine	Loma Linda University Health Education Consortium, Loma Linda, CA
Mark Jon Lauria	Transitional/Radiology-Diagnostic	John Peter Smith Hospital (Tarrant County Hospital District), Fort Worth, TX
Mychaela Marie Lauria	Transitional year	Albert Einstein Healthcare Network, Philadelphia, PA
Victoria Kirilov Lazarov	Obstetrics-Gynecology	Naval Medical Center (Portsmouth), Portsmouth, VA
Rebecca Sarang Lee	Internal Medicine	Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY
Joseph Jude Lesh	Emergency Medicine	Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
Julia Diane Liberto	Internal Medicine	Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem, NC
James Michael Limonta	Neurology	Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science, Rochester, MN
Katherine Grace Lindeman	Surgery-Prelim	Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY
Keith Shen Loh	Psychiatry	University of Toledo, Toledo, OH
Caroline Diana Lojacono	Internal Medicine	State University of New York Downstate Health Sciences University, Brooklyn, NY
Regina Marise Lopez-Merrill	Emergency Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Tyler Dylan Mack	Medicine-Prelim/Radiology-Diagnostic	University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT
Quinn Francis Magiera	Transitional/Radiology-Diagnostic	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Waleed Suleman Malik	Internal medicine	Bassett Medical Center, Cooperstown, NY
Ainsley Catherine Mann	Psychiatry	Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
Mark Anthony Maraschiello	Medicine-Prelim	HCA Healthcare Las Palmas Del Sol, El Paso, TX
Brandon Lewis Mariotti	Phys Medicine & Rehab	University of North Carolina Hospitals, Chapel Hill, NC
Aaron Andrew Matulevich	Combined Adult/Child Psychiatry	Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, Great Neck, NY
Matthew Joseph McGuire	Anesthesiology	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Kelcy Marie McIntyre	Surgery-General	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Adarsh Mehta	Pediatrics	Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, New York, NY
Andrew Philip Monte	Oral Maxillofacial Surgery	Stony Brook Medicine, Stony Brook, NY
Brie Joelle Mucci-Jackson	Internal Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Christian Mueller	Ophthalmology	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
		University of Miami/Jackson Health System, Miami, FL
		State University of New York Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Training Program</b>	<b>Program Name</b>
Heidi Anne Mueller	Neurology	Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH
Ayman Mustafa	Medicine-Prelim	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Joseph Hyungjoon Na	Radiology-Diagnostic	Loma Linda University Health Education Consortium, Loma Linda, CA
Joseph Daniel Nathanson	Surgery-Prelim	Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY
Renee Margaret Nelson	Anesthesiology	Nuvance Health, Poughkeepsie, NY
Jenna Lynn Neumaier	Neurology	Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA
Jocelyn Clare Neveu	Child Neurology	Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD
Stephanie Mae Newman	Neurology	Ohio State University Hospital, Columbus, OH
Kevin Robert Nickerson	Pediatrics	Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, VA
Andrea Adaora Afoma Nwawka	Family medicine	Allegheny Health Network Medical Education Consortium, Erie, PA
Mary Margaret O'Hehir	Pediatrics	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Adetayo Olufemi Oladele-Ajose	Orthopaedic Surgery	University of Miami/Jackson Health System, Miami, FL
Olatoyosi Olafuyi	Medicine-Prelim/Ophthalmology	University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, IA
Dolapo Vivian Olawunmi	Obstetrics-Gynecology	University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT
Connor Orrico	Obstetrics-Gynecology	University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT
Joseph Quinn Ortolani	Medicine-Prelim	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
	Transitional/Radiology-Diagnostic	HCA Healthcare Redmond Regional Medical Center, Rome, GA
Karen Sophia Park	Medicine-Prelim/Ophthalmology	Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD
Grant Alexander Parrelli	Emergency Medicine/Indianapolis	University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Memphis, TN
Blake Allan Peterson	Emergency Medicine	University of Tennessee, Memphis, TN
Noah Matthew Petti	Emergency medicine	Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
Daniel Oluwagbemileke Popoola	Surgery-Prelim	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Kristina Francesca Powers	Otolaryngology	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Jonathan Racki	Internal Medicine	Case Western Reserve University/University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, Cleveland, OH
Brielle Elisabeth Emily Raine	Plastic Surgery (Integrated)	Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, VA
Hamza Abdul Razzaq	Internal Medicine	HCA Healthcare Redmond Regional Medical Center, Rome, GA
Connor Andrew Ready	Anesthesiology	Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
Danielle Elizabeth Reber	Pediatrics	Stony Brook Medicine, Stony Brook, NY
Taylor Lynne Riley	Surgery-Prelim	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Michael Joseph Romano	Pediatrics	Geisinger Health System, Danville, PA
Siobhan Ashley Rueda	Internal Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Margaux Marie Ruh	Obstetrics-Gynecology	NYU Grossman School of Medicine, New York, NY
Tara Daly Russell	Pediatrics	Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY
Daniel Salib	Urology	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Sharon Mary Santhosh	Internal Medicine	UPMC Medical Education, Pittsburgh, PA
Alexander Ryan Schafer	Psychiatry	University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Chattanooga, TN
Brandon Alexander Schiro	Family Medicine	Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, Great Neck, NY
Andrew Harris Schwartz	Medicine-Prelim/Ophthalmology	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Yuhao Shi	Transitional/Brockton-BIDMC	Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, NY
	Radiation Oncology	Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY
Sherice Letricia Simpson	Obstetrics-Gynecology	Albany Medical Center, Slingerlands, NY
Alicia Marie Skowronski	Pediatrics	Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Brockton, MA
		NYU Grossman School of Medicine, New York, NY
		University of Cincinnati Medical Center Inc., Cincinnati, OH
		University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY

Candidate	Training Program	Program Name
Joshua James Slowinski	Orthopaedic Surgery	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Jenna Brianne Smedes	Family medicine	Martin Army Community Hospital, Fort Benning, GA
Lauren Alyssa Smith	Pediatrics-Anesthesiology	Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD
Jiho Sohn	Internal Medicine/PSTP	University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX
Charlotte Clare Starling	Internal Medicine	Washington University/B-JH/SLCH Consortium, St Louis, MO
John Joseph Stocking	Neurology	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Christopher Mark Sullivan	Internal Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Meagan Elizabeth Sullivan	Obstetrics-Gynecology	Prisma Health, Columbia, SC
Isaac Matthew Swartzman	Transitional year	David Grant Medical Center, Travis Afb, CA
Sandra Nchang Tambi Jarbah	Deferred Residency	
Joshua Karekin Taubman	Emergency Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Grace Margaret Tomczak	Combined Adult/Child Psychiatry	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Henry James Towery	Vascular Surgery	Allegheny Health Network Medical Education Consortium, Pittsburgh, PA
Aisha Amir Townes	Family Medicine/Tufts	Cambridge Health Alliance, Cambridge, MA
Douglas Seyram Tsahey	Psychiatry/General	UPMC Medical Education, Pittsburgh, PA
Joshua Uffer	Surgery-Prelim	UPMC Medical Education, Pittsburgh, PA
Janet Ngozi Umenta	Pediatrics	NYU Long Island School of Medicine, Mineola, NY
Brian Richard Unruh	Internal Medicine	Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD
Nilda Natasha Valenzuela	Obstetrics-Gynecology	Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
Cornie Rae Vaughn	General Surgery	Hackensack University Medical Center, Hackensack, NJ
Nina Victoria Vazquez	Emergency Medicine	Oregon Health & Science University Hospital, Portland, OR
Nat Davis Voos	Pediatrics	NYU Long Island School of Medicine, Mineola, NY
Audrey Elaine Wagner	Pediatrics	UPMC Medical Education, Pittsburgh, PA
Jarrett Weston White	Deferred Residency	Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
Kristen Janae-Ajoy White	Anesthesiology	
Kyle Robert Wiatrowski	Internal Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Alexe Leah Wodowski	Medicine-Pediatrics	Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY
Song Yao	Medicine-Prelim/Radiation Oncology	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Jiyn Christina Yoon	Family Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY
Brian Minghan Yu	Surgery-Prelim	Los Angeles County-Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Torrance, CA
	Radiology-Diagnostic	Boston University Medical Center, Boston, MA
Ash Nicholas Zawerton	Urology	Geisinger Health System, Danville, PA
Jeff Fang Zhang	Neurological Surgery	State University of New York Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY
Erika Wang Zheng	Ophthalmology	Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL

# The Richard Sarkin/Emeritus Faculty Chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society

The Richard Sarkin/Emeritus Faculty Chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) stands as a visible expression of the School's commitment to the promotion of humanism in medicine and medical education. Inspired by the vision of Dr. Arnold P. Gold, the GHHS strives to place the patient in the heart of every healthcare interaction. To foster the "habit of humanism," the GHHS recognizes rising fourth year medical students who have demonstrated exemplary attitudes and behaviors in clinical and campus life, leadership, compassion and dedication to service. Members have been selected based on peer nominations and review by the Selection Committee.

## Class of 2023

Chelsea R. Corinaldi	Ariel Joy Kent	Dolapo Vivian Olawunmi
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## Honor Medical Society Class of 2023

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Taylor Shea Goodman	Jenna Lynn Neumaier	
James Wesley Hill	Karen Sophia Park	

# Honors and Awards

## DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY

**Lieberman Award**  
*interest and aptitude in the study of Anesthesiology*

Camille Taylor Applegate

## DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE

**Department of Emergency Medicine Scholastic Award**  
*outstanding academic record in Emergency Medicine*

Shawn Alexander Gibson

**Society for Academic Emergency Medicine**  
*excellence in Emergency Medicine*

Erin Elizabeth Clough

## DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE

**American Academy of Family Physicians President's Award**  
*outstanding academic record and a commitment to practice Family Medicine*

Gregory Thomas Brown

**Charles Bauda Award**  
*academic excellence during third year*

Gabrielle Capone

**G. Norris Miner Memorial Award**  
*demonstration of outstanding clinical competence in Family Medicine*

Jiyun Christina Yoon

**Mark A. Petrino Award**  
*demonstrated interest and aptitude for the general practice of Family Medicine*

Aisha Amir Townes

## DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

**The Bukowski Award**  
*characteristics of high integrity, loyalty, thoughtfulness and thoroughness*

Jessie Anne Caprino  
Charlotte Clare Starling

**Patrick Costello Award**  
*achieved highest grade on the written exam for Internal Medicine*

Nat Davis Voos

**David K. Miller Prize in Medicine**  
*competence, humility and humanity in caring for the sick*

Brian Richard Unruh

**Stephen J. Paolini Award**  
*best exemplified the qualities of dedication and compassion which Dr. Paolini personified*

Sara Ann Armstrong

**Emilie Davis Rodenberg Memorial Award**  
*demonstrated strong interest in the study of diabetes*

Chaitya Rajesh Joshi  
Rebecca Sarang Lee

**Harry E. and Loretta A. Jordan Award**  
*recognizes a student for noteworthy investigation of cancer and neoplastic disease*

James Wesley Hill



**DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE-PEDIATRICS**

**The Dr. Beth J. Wutz Memorial Award**  
*a student who demonstrates a dedication to both intelligent and empathic care  
of both children and young adults*

Alexe Leah Wodowski

**DEPARTMENT OF NEUROLOGY**

**American Academy of Neurology Student Prize for Excellence**  
*sustained interest and excellence in Neurology*

John Joseph Stocking

**Bernard H. Smith Memorial Award in Clinical Neurology**  
*most outstanding performance in the Neurology clerkship*

Caroline Diana Lojacono

**DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY**

**Hans J. Lowenstein Award in Obstetrics**  
*most outstanding clinical work*

Elliana Markella Gianacopoulos  
Ariel Joy Kent  
Katarina Gabrielle Krajacic

**Clyde L. Randall Society Award in Gynecology-Obstetrics**  
*diligence, integrity, scholarship and leadership*

Victoria Kirilov Lazarov

**DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY**

**Dr. Thomas J. Guttuso Award**  
*academic excellence in Ophthalmology*

Dmitriy Belous

**Harry E. and Loretta A. Jordan Award**  
*proficiency in Ophthalmology*

Adetayo Olufemi Oladele-Ajose

**E. J. Weisenheimer Award**  
*excellence in scholarship and patient care in Ophthalmology*

Christian Mueller

**DEPARTMENT OF ORTHOPAEDICS**

**Dr. Benjamin E. and Lila Obletz Prize**  
*academic achievement and interest in Orthopaedic Surgery*

Joshua James Slowinski

**DEPARTMENT OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY**

**Department of Otolaryngology Chairman’s Award**  
*demonstrated outstanding achievement in Otolaryngology*

Nicole Marie Favre

# Honors and Awards

## DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY & ANATOMICAL SCIENCES

**Association of Pathology Chairs Award**  
*scholarship in Pathology*

**Morris & Sadie Stein Award**  
*excellence in Neuroscience*

Ellie Trafford Camanzo  
Jarrett Weston White  
Alexe Leah Wodowski

Ian Kevin Christman  
Taylor Shea Goodman  
Mychaela Marie Lauria  
Kristina Francesca Powers  
Nat Davis Voos

## DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS

**Children’s Hospital Prize**  
*excellence in understanding childhood diseases*

**Richard T. Sarkin, M.D. Award/Buffalo Pediatric Society Award**  
*outstanding clinical skills and commitment to primary care Pediatrics*

**Frederick B. Wilkes Pediatric Award**  
*dedication to patients and the field of Pediatrics*

Nat Davis Voos

Nina Patricia Alcasid

Taylor Shea Goodman

## DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

**Gilbert M. Beck Memorial Prize in Psychiatry**  
*academic excellence in Psychiatry*

**S. Mouchly Small, M.D. Award**  
*ability to relate well to patients, faculty, and staff*

**Farney R. Wurlitzer Prize**  
*outstanding work in Psychiatry*

Madeline Haase Carver

Austin Orion Ainsworth

Brandon Lewis Mariotti

## DEPARTMENT OF RADIOLOGY

**Dr. George Alker Award**  
*excellence in Radiology*

Tyler Dylan Mack

DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

**Buffalo Surgical Society Prize in Surgery**  
*academic excellence in the clinical years*

Austin Michael Barrett

**Department of Surgery Chair’s Award**  
*superior clinical performance and the highest score on the Surgery exam*

Cortnie Rae Vaughn

**Dr. Heinrich Leonhardt Prize in Surgery**  
*academic excellence*

Brielle Elisabeth Emily Raine

RESEARCH AWARDS

**Bacelli Award**  
*most outstanding research by a medical student*

Jeff Fang Zhang

**Robert M. Bannerman Memorial Research Award**  
*most notable research in biomedical science initiated during the UB Jacobs School of Medicine’s Summer Research Fellowship Program*

Victoria Kirilov Lazarov

**Erika Bruck Award**  
*research or thesis based on concepts of the basic sciences as applied to a clinical problem*

Gary James Iacobucci

**Research Honors Awards**  
*a commitment to excellence in research during medical school*

John David Baker III  
Jordan Andre Bauer  
Geoffrey Andrew Bocobo  
Weilin Chan  
Nicole Marie Favre  
Alex Michael Hollenberg  
Mark Anthony Maraschiello  
Mary Margaret O'Hehir  
Adetayo Olufemi Oladele-Ajose  
Karen Sophia Park  
Daniel Oluwagbemileke Popoola  
Kristina Francesca Powers  
Brielle Elisabeth Emily Raine  
Andrew Harris Schwartz  
Joshua James Slowinski  
Kyle Robert Wiatrowski  
Brian Minghan Yu

**Thesis Honors Awards**  
*outstanding research supported by a written thesis satisfying the School’s highest standard*

Gary James Iacobucci  
Victoria Kirilov Lazarov  
Jeff Fang Zhang

# Honors and Awards

## ASSOCIATION AWARDS AND MEMORIALS

**Dr. Avery Ellis Memorial Award**  
*for work advancing the curriculum or implementing a new and lasting school initiative*

Brielle Elisabeth Emily Raine  
Nat Davis Voos

**Dr. James Goldinger Curriculum Leadership Award**  
*leadership, enthusiasm, and a dedication to teaching*

Daniel Oluwagbemileke Popoola

**National Medical Association Award**  
*excellence in scholarship, leadership and commitment to community service*

Shawn Alexander Gibson

**John Paroski, M.D. Memorial Award**  
*compassion and excellence in patient care*

Isaac Matthew Swartzman  
Henry James Towery

**Philip P. Sang Memorial Award**  
*ability to relate well to patients, faculty, and staff*

Christine Marie Hook

**The Dr. Karen Schupak Memorial Medical Student Award**  
*demonstrates a high degree of empathy when working with patients*

Gabrielle Capone

**The Dr. Louis Sklarow Award**  
*an outstanding graduate of Jewish faith  
who has shown by character and medical accomplishment great promise*

Joanna Kiperman

## MEDICAL SCHOOL AWARDS AND DEAN'S AWARDS

### **The Evan Calkins M.D. and Virginia Calkins M.D.**

#### **Primary Care Achievement Award**

*exceptional performance in primary care and outstanding personal characteristics including compassion, integrity, judgement, and leadership*

Tanya Verma Jimerson

### **Elizabeth Award**

*unusual compassion and a noteworthy personal and professional sense of integrity and ethics*

Paul Brian Hart

### **Bernhardt & Sophie Gottlieb Award**

*expertise in areas outside medicine*

Karen Sophia Park

### **Colonel and Mrs. Robert C. M. Liu Award**

*demonstrated commitment to the US military through family or personal service*

Dilpreet Kaur-Spencer

### **Medical Alumni Association Award**

*outstanding community service and commitment*

Sarah Catherine Andrews

### **Medical Alumni Association Dean's Award**

*participation in extracurricular activities in the Medical School while maintaining a high standard of academic excellence*

Shawn Alexander Gibson

### **Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award**

*exemplary compassion and sensitivity in the delivery of care*

Victoria Kirilov Lazarov

### **Merck Academic Excellence Award**

*outstanding academics coupled with noteworthy humanism and leadership*

Madeline Haase Carver  
Patrick Francis Durkin  
Nicole Marie Favre  
Lauren Alyssa Smith

### **James Platt White Society Award**

*intellectual vigor and moral courage*

Shawn Alexander Gibson  
Nat Davis Voos

### **Harold J. Levy Award in Psychophysiological Medicine**

*worked to make a positive difference on the well-being of fellow medical students*

Elliana Markella Gianacopoulos

### **The Roy E. Seibel Sr. MD Medical School Award**

*Academic excellence and outstanding character*

Matthew Joseph McGuire

### **Wendel Award in Wellness and Inclusion**

*is presented to a student who has worked to advocate for their peer's inclusivity or wellness.*

Grant Alexander Parrelli

### **Carosella Award**

*Strength of character, personal integrity, academic achievement*

Caroline Diana Lojacono

# Latin Honors

Nina Patricia Alcasid  
Kassidy Nicole Amburgey  
Mark Rogers Andrews  
Sarah Catherine Andrews  
Camille Taylor Applegate  
Sara Ann Armstrong  
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Ash Nicholas Zawerton





# Dean’s Letter of Commendation

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# Charge Of Maimonides

“May the Almighty, source of Mercy, be with you in all your efforts to heal the sick.

“May you be filled with love for your art and for mankind.

“May the thirst for gain and desire for fame be far from your heart, for these are the enemies of pity and the ministers of hate.

“May your strength be preserved that you may be able to restore the strength of the rich and the poor, the good and the bad, the friend and the foe. May you see in the sufferer the human alone.

“When those wiser teach you, may you be humble to learn, for the human mind is so limited, and the art of healing is so vast.

“May there never arise in you the notion that you know enough, but may you always have strength, leisure, and zeal to enlarge your knowledge. Your work is great and the mind of mankind presses forward forever.

“You have been chosen to watch over the life and death of the creatures of the Most High, and from the Most High will come the guidance and strength that shall make this immense work of avail.”

## The Oath

*I swear to fulfill, to the best of my ability, this covenant:*

*I will respect the scientific gains of those physicians and scientists in whose steps I walk, and gladly share such knowledge as is mine with those who are to follow.*

*I will remember that there is both art and science to medicine.*

*I will pursue the expansion of my knowledge throughout my life for the benefit of my patients.*

*I will practice medicine with conscience and dignity.*

*I will respect the privacy of my patients and not judge them.*

*I will prevent disease whenever I can; for prevention is preferable to cure.*

*Most especially I will tread with care in matters of life and death. If it be merely within my abilities to help ease suffering at the end of a life, may I face this awesome responsibility with humility and awareness of my own frailty.*

*I vow always to act to preserve the finest traditions of my calling and may I long experience the joy of healing those who seek my help.*

## Academic Costume

In 1971, to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, the first division of the University, an official academic gown\*, uniquely that of the Jacobs School, was adopted.

The gown and hood are of royal blue, one of the colors of both the University at Buffalo and the State University of New York. The panels and chevrons are of hunter green velvet, the traditional color of the discipline of medicine, and are outlined in silver. A silver Aesculapian staff, classical symbol of medicine, is embroidered on the left panel. The octagonal tam, which is hunter green with a silver tassel, replaces the traditional, “mortarboard” of the British universities and is a return to the hat styles employed in the Middle Ages in continental universities.

A Doctor of Philosophy academic gown, unique to the Jacobs School, was adopted in 1979. The gown and hood are also royal blue, but the panels and chevrons are “doctor of philosophy blue” with a silver outline. A blue velvet octagonal tam with a silver tassel complements the gown and hood.

## The Aesculapian Staff

The Aesculapian staff, traditional symbol of medicine, has its origins in Greek mythology.

According to legend, Apollo, the Greek god of health and pestilence, taught the Centaur Chiron the art of healing. Chiron, in turn, taught the art to Achilles and Aesculapius. The latter, many historians believe, actually lived and practiced medicine about 1250 B.C.

In Greek mythology, Aesculapius cured his patients by having his sacred serpents lick the ill person. His children, Panacea and Hygeia, were personifications of health. Fearing that Aesculapius might make humans immune to disease and, hence, immortal, Zeus slew Aesculapius.

The cult that developed about Aesculapius saw the construction of temples where the sick would go to be licked by sacred serpents or bathed in healing waters. The staff with one serpent coiled about it became the symbol of Aesculapius and eventually the symbol of medicine.

The winged staff with two serpents intertwined is the symbol of Mercury, the messenger of Greek gods, and has no relevance to healing or medicine, although it is mistakenly used by some to denote medicine.

A replica of the staff\* is used in the School's commencement ceremonies and is carried by the Chief Marshal during the processional. Following the invocation, he presents the staff to the Dean. This symbolizes the presentation of the graduating class and opens the exercises. To close the ceremonies, the Dean returns the staff to the Chief Marshal.

Upon receipt of the staff, the Marshal announces the conclusion of the exercises and then proceeds to lead the recessional from the ceremonial stage.

\*Designed by Dr Robert L. Brown

# The Mace

From its origin as a weapon of the Middle Ages, the mace has evolved into a symbol of authority associated with the formal ceremonial rituals of educational, religious, and governmental institutions with a western European heritage.

The traditional mace incorporates in its design elements of the history of the institution, its origin, its discipline, or its relationships. The School of Medicine's mace, which was designed and constructed by Dr. Robert L. Brown, follows this tradition.

Mounted on the drum-shaped head are six rectangular, faceted chips of red sandstone. They are fragments of a surviving block from the first School of Medicine built by the University in 1848 and occupied until 1893. These stones represent the original six departments of study at the School.

Surmounting the head is a crown of cast silver with six oval pieces of polished jade. The dark green color of jade is the academic color of medicine, and the stone has the additional folklore attribution of relieving the wearer's back pain.

Rising above the spikes of the crown, a forked silver staff of Aesculapius is surrounded by a single serpent-the authentic caduceus of medicine.

Implanted in the head of the mace is a seed from a Plane tree (which grows on the island of Cos in Asia Minor) under which Hippocrates is

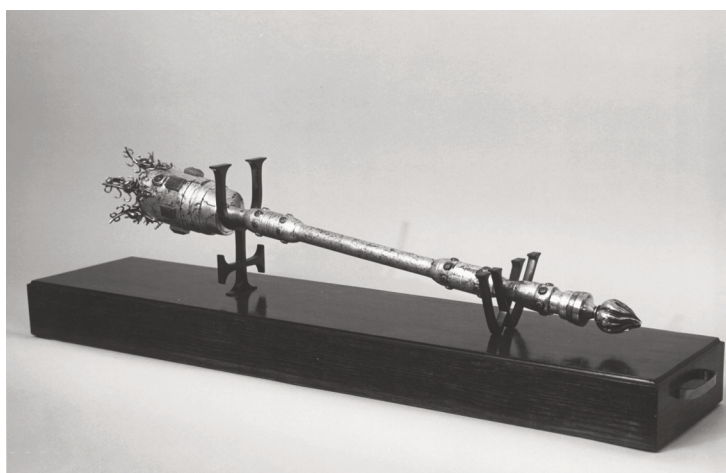
reputed to have taught the beginnings of scientific medicine, the origin of the practices of the western world.

Located at the end of the mace's shaft is a silver flame finial cast of a fragment of woodwork from the library of the School of Medicine located on High Street and occupied from 1892 to 1953. The flaming urns (a motif of the library) represented the eternal search for knowledge. The wooden form of the mace is covered with antiqued silver leaf.

The cradle holding the mace consists of two rests in the form of medieval alchemist symbols. The larger symbol is that of the element and Roman god Mercury, associated by the ancients with health. The smaller symbol represents the element silver and the Roman goddess Diana, helper of women in childbirth. The oak planking of the base is library shelving (now over ninety years old) from the School on High Street.

Mythology, folklore, ancient traditions of medicine, and elements of this University's history in the education of physicians are in the School of Medicine mace.

During the commencement ceremonies, the School's mace is carried by one of Marshals. Following the processional, the mace is placed in its cradle, which is located on the ceremonial stage. At the conclusion of the exercises, the Marshal removes the mace from the cradle and carries it in the recessional.



# UB Alma Mater

*Music by Walter S. Goodale, MD, 1903.  
Lyrics adapted by UB students in 2006 for  
contemporary use.*

**Verse 1:**

The pride of our spirit and tradition,  
Our alma mater’s truth and name declare.  
Celebrate our history and wisdom,  
O let us all prepare to sing her glory.

**Refrain:**

To Buffalo all hail to thee,  
Noble and strong it’s our university!  
To blue and white pledge loyalty,  
Singing, I will always remember thee!

**Verse 2:**

We’ll ever keep our standards high,  
And sing UB’s praises to the sky.  
Receiving the finest education,  
Our knowledge we impart unto the nations.

*(Repeat refrain)*

**Verse 3:**

Our friends we’ve made with ties that bind,  
A union of our spirit, heart, and mind.  
Together we’ll continue life’s journey,  
O may dear Buffalo forever be.

*(Repeat refrain)*

# Medical Alumni Association Letter

Dear Class of 2023,

On behalf of the Medical Alumni Association, congratulations on your graduation from the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences! With your new title as a Medical Doctor, you have a lot to be proud of. As you celebrate this remarkable achievement - please take time to reflect and remember everyone who supported you along the way.

We are grateful for the experiences we had with your class and the opportunity to welcome you into our Alumni network. Our tradition of supporting alumni, residents and students continues to succeed and we are happy to welcome you into the UB alumni family.

As you move onto residency and career, we hope you remember your time in medical school with fondness and pride in our great institution. The Alumni Association will help keep you connected to the university, your medical school, our alumni, and current students. Please share your continued accomplishments and updates along the way. You can start by submitting a “classnote” using the QR code below.

Please consider joining us at local and regional events which connect you with alumni who are available to support you professionally and personally. We encourage you to do the same in the years ahead, especially when medical students are interviewing at residency programs across the country. Wherever you are, we look forward to having you as ambassadors for the school and UB.

We encourage you to stay current so you can receive our alumni magazine, announcements about alumni happenings, invitations to events and other exciting news about UB. It will also allow us to inform you when students and faculty are visiting your area should you wish to connect with them.

Again, congratulations, and best wishes as you continue your medical training. We hope to see you at your first alumni reception on June 2 (invite will be emailed) or in 2028 at your five-year reunion or even sooner. We are incredibly proud of you and pleased to welcome you as the newest members of the Medical Alumni Association.

Sincerely,  
Lori Luzi, MD '88  
President, Medical Alumni Association, 2022-2023  
Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences



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The modern seal for the University at Buffalo harks back to a design adopted in 1923 to reflect the evolution of the university from separate schools into a more close-knit organization. Though the seal has been revised several times over the decades, the foundational elements remain: a proud bison signifying the City of Buffalo atop a shield supported by the palm leaves of victory and emblazoned with the flames of wisdom.