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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL



JACOBS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
COMMENCEMENT

FRIDAY

MAY 2, 2025

1:00 PM

CENTER FOR THE ARTS, NORTH CAMPUS

Allison Brashear
Vice President and Dean

Senior Associate Deans

Gustavo Arrizabalaga
Gregory S. Cherr
Marc Halterman
Suzanne G. Laychock
David A. Milling
Timothy F. Murphy
Nancy H. Nielsen
John C. Panepinto
Brian M. Parker

Associate Deans

Fred Archer
Leslie Bisson
Lisa Jane Jacobsen
Alan J. Lesse
Robert McCormack
Jennifer A. Meka
Roberto Pili
Teresa Quattrin
Jessica L. Reynolds
Nicholas J. Silvestri

Assistant Deans

Samantha Bordonaro
Kristina Costanzo-Metcalf
Anyango Kamina
Susan M. Orrange
David E. Shubert
Mark Sutton
Diana G. Wilkins

Program

This commencement marks the 179th 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

Christopher S. Cohan, PhD

Faculty Marshal

John Hall, MD

Student Marshal

Colin Moore, PhD

Opening Declaration by Grand Marshal

Christopher S. Cohan, PhD

National Anthem*

Sasha Shenell Joseph
MD Candidate

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

Chancellor Charles P. Norton Medal

Jeremy M. Jacobs
*Chair Emeritus
University at Buffalo Council*

President Tripathi

Honored Speaker

David J. Skorton, MD
*President and CEO of Association of
American Medical Colleges (AAMC)*

Class Speaker

Nathaniel Graves
MD Candidate

Presentation of Parents Council Gift

Danessia Scott- Warren
Parents Council President

Presentation of Candidates Doctor of Medicine/ Doctor of Philosophy

Marc Halterman, MD, PhD
Interim Director, MD-PhD Program

Conferrer of Degrees

President Tripathi

Calling of Candidates

Fred Archer, MD
Associate Dean for Admissions

Hooding

Hooding Party/Major Professor

Presentation of Candidates Doctor of Medicine/ Master of Business Administration

Jennifer Pugh, MD, MBA
*MBA Liaison for UB Health Sciences
and the School of Management*

Conferrer of Degrees

President Tripathi

Calling of Candidates

Associate Dean Archer

Hooding

Hooding Party/Major Professor

Presentation of Candidates Doctor of Medicine

David A. Milling, MD
*Senior Associate Dean
Student and Academic Affairs*

Conferrer of Degrees

President Tripathi

Calling of Candidates

Associate Dean Archer

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

Signing Book of Physicians

Senior Associate Dean Milling

Charge of Maimonides

Senior Associate Dean Milling

The Oath

Dean Brashear

Welcome to Alumni Association

Melissa Rayhill, MD '10

President of Alumni Association

Alma Mater

Sasha Shenell Joseph, MD

Closing Declaration

Christopher S. Cohan, PhD

***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:

Claire Elizabeth Conrad
Bryanna Lexus Coelho Freitas
Kayla Green

*Today's ceremony is being recorded and will be available for on-line viewing at the following site:
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 serves on the board's Executive Committee and co-chairs

the Student Life Committee. She also serves on 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.

In 2024, Lewin was named chair of the Buffalo Urban League Board of Directors, dedicating herself to its mission of ensuring African Americans and others in underserved communities achieve their highest true social parity, economic self-reliance, power and civil rights.

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 United States with her family in 1967. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Marymount Manhattan College, a master's degree in American and Puerto Rican studies, and an EdM in educational administration, both from UB.

Jerry Jacobs Jr.

Chairman of the University at Buffalo Council



Jeremy "Jerry" M. Jacobs Jr. is the chief executive officer of Delaware North, a role he shares with his brothers, Lou and Charlie. He also serves as an alternate governor to the Boston Bruins.

As CEO, Jacobs oversees the company and its operating subsidiaries, focusing on strategic growth, corporate governance and financial management. He joined Delaware North in 1986 and held progressive leadership roles before becoming CEO in 2015.

Jacobs is actively involved in numerous philanthropic, civic and business organizations in Buffalo and across the country. His current board positions include The Corps Network, Mimivax and the Jacobs Institute. He is also a member of the U.S. Travel Association's CEO Roundtable and the Partnership for New York City.

Jacobs was a founding board member of Say Yes Buffalo, and he has dedicated more than two decades of service to the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, including past chairmanships of the board of directors and the annual fundraising campaign. He is a past member of the Board of Regents at Georgetown University and past chair of the Nichols School's Board of Trustees. He also served three terms on the University at Buffalo Foundation board.

Jacobs holds an MBA from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania and a BA from Georgetown University.

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 a professor of computer science at the University of Maryland, including seven as department chair.

In 2024, Tripathi was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. A fellow of IEEE and 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 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 Maharaja Surajmal Brij University, the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad, and Brock University.

Tripathi co-chairs the Association of American Universities (AAU) Task Force on Expanding U.S.-India University Partnerships, serves on the College Football Playoff Board of Managers and the boards of University Innovation Alliance and Internet2. Previously, he chaired the Mid-American Conference Council of Presidents and Internet2 and served on the boards of the AAU, NCAA Division I, NCAA Board of Governors, Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities and Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

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; inclusive excellence 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 UB faculty member since 1983, Weber is an innovative scholar, teacher and former chair of UB's Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering. Prior to his appointment as provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, Weber held several other senior administrative roles at UB, including senior vice provost for academic affairs, where he was instrumental in the creation of the UB Curriculum and nationally recognized Finish in 4 program; and vice president for student life, where he focused on enhancing the student experience and promoting overall student wellness.

Weber serves on New York's Hazardous Waste Facility Siting Board for Chemical Waste Management. He is a former board member and current advisory committee member of the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County.

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*



Allison Brashear, MD, MBA, a world-renowned neurologist, is reshaping academic medicine at UB. As vice president for health sciences and dean of the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, she

promotes partnerships and integration across health sciences disciplines, driving health care innovation both locally and nationally. Additionally, she leads UBMD Physicians' Group as president and CEO.

Her impactful research has led to the approval of three botulinum toxin treatments for conditions like post-stroke spasticity. Continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health since 2008, she is a leading expert in ATP1A3-related diseases, a spectrum of rare neurologic disorders.

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, focused on health-sector management, at Fuqua School of Business at Duke University.

In 2022, Brashear was elected to the Association of American Colleges Council of Deans Administrative Board; she became chair-elect in 2024. The same year, she was appointed to the AAMC's board of directors and joined the NIH Scientific Management Review Board. Brashear is also a trustee of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation and a board member of the WNY Women's Foundation.

David J. Skorton, MD

*President and CEO, Association of American
Medical Colleges (AAMC)*



David J. Skorton, MD, is president and CEO of the AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges), a not-for-profit association that represents medical schools, academic health systems and teaching hospitals, and academic societies.

He began his leadership of the AAMC in July 2019 after a distinguished career in government, higher education, and medicine. Shortly after his arrival, Dr. Skorton oversaw a comprehensive strategic planning process that established a new mission and vision for the AAMC. It also introduced well-defined action plans to align the AAMC's organizational resources to tackle the most intractable challenges in health. The strategic plan guides the AAMC in leading and serving medical schools and academic health systems around the mission areas of education, clinical care, research, and community collaboration. Dr. Skorton's main focus is on improving the health of people everywhere, including access to care for all.

Prior to the AAMC, Dr. Skorton served as the 13th secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, where he oversaw 19 museums, 21 libraries, the National Zoo, and numerous research centers and education programs. Before that, he served as president of two universities: Cornell University (2006 to 2015) and the University of Iowa (2003 to 2006), where he also served on the faculty for 26 years and co-founded and co-directed the University of Iowa Adolescent and Adult Congenital Heart Disease Clinic. A pioneer of cardiac imaging and computer processing techniques, he was a contributor and editor-in-chief of a major text on cardiac imaging.

Dr. Skorton earned his BA from Northwestern University and his MD from Northwestern University School of Medicine. He completed his medical residency and fellowship in cardiology and was chief medical resident at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Chancellor Charles P. Norton Medal Recipient

Jeremy M. Jacobs

Chair Emeritus of the University at Buffalo Council



Jeremy M. Jacobs was appointed to the University at Buffalo Council in 1997 and served as its chairman from 1998 to 2025. He was named chair emeritus in recognition of his distinguished leadership and significant contributions to the university.

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.

UB Chancellor Charles P. Norton Medal Recipients

1925	Charles Henry Brent	1969	Gordon Bunshaft	2008	Robert M. Bennett
1926	Walter P. Cooke	1970	Lauriston L. Scaife	2009	1958 University at Buffalo Football Team
1927	Frank B. Baird	1971	Alfred H. Kirchhofer	2010	Thomas R. Beecher Jr. Esther S. Takeuchi
1929	John J. Albright	1972	Whitworth Ferguson	2011	JoAnn Falletta
1931	Chauncey J. Hamlin	1973	Charles R. Diebold	2013	John B. Simpson
1932	Frank A. Hartman	1974	Gordon M. Smith	2014	Ralph Wilson Jr.*
1933	F. Park Lewis	1975	Ralph W. Loew	2015	Robert G. Wilmers
1934	Daniel J. Kenefick	1976	David J. Laub	2017	Mark J. Czarnecki*
1935	Katharine Cornell	1977	Joseph Manch	2019	L. Nelson Hopkins
1936	Alfred H. Schoellkopf	1978	William C. Baird	2020	Mary Wilson
1938	Edward B. Green	1979	Manly Fleischmann	2021	Thomas A. Russo
1939	David Lawrence	1980	Daniel A. Roblin Jr.	2022	Crystal D. Peoples-Stokes
1940	John Lord O'Brian	1981	Hermann Rahn	2023	Marcus Yam
1941	Charles B. Sears	1982	Howard T. Saperston Sr.		
1942	Thomas B. Lockwood	1983	Robert I. Millonzi		
1943	George W. Thorn	1984	James M. Demske		
1944	Charles E. Burchfield	1985	Charles S. Desmond		
1945	Nelson G. Russell	1986	Herbert A. Hauptman		
1946	William J. Donovan	1987	Robert Guthrie		
1947	Lawrence D. Bell	1988	Denise A. Roche		
1948	Louis L. Babcock	1989	Leslie Fiedler		
1949	James McCormick Mitchell*	1990	Wilson Greatbatch		
1950	Ernest Witebsky	1991	Barber B. Conable Jr.		
1951	Samuel P. Capen	1992	M. Robert Koren*		
1952	Edward H. Letchworth	1993	Terry Anderson		
1953	Edward H. Butler	1994	D. Bruce Johnstone		
1954	Daniel W. Streeter	1995	Eleanor V. Millonzi		
1955	A. Conger Goodyear	1996	Robert E. Rich Sr.		
1956	E. Marguerite Gane	1997	John P. Naughton		
1957	Melvin H. Baker	1998	Ruth Kahn Stovroff		
1958	Julius W. Pratt	1999	Robert Creeley		
1959	Josef Krips		Eli Ruckenstein		
1960	Alex F. Osborn	2000	M. Dolores Denman*		
1961	Charles H. Diefendorf		Philip B. Wels		
1962	Lewis G. Harriman Sr.	2001	Paul W. Kurtz		
1963	George E. Moore	2002	Lawrence Jacobs		
1964	Albert G. Butzer	2003	William R. Greiner		
1965	Frank C. Moore	2004	Steven B. Sample		
1966	Edwin F. Jaeckle	2005	Luiz F. Kahl		
1967	Seymour H. Knox	2006	Reginald B. Newman II		
1968	Clifford C. Furnas				

** Awarded posthumously*

Program Notes

Graduation and Commencement Awards Committee

Samantha Bordonaro, MD
Jennifer Britton, MS
David A. Milling, MD
Nicholas J. Silvestri, MD
Julie Szrama, MS
Laura Yusick, JD

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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*
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Marcia Sarkin, *Mentor*

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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	Training Program	Program Name
Clayton Timothy Brady	Int Medicine/CI Research	Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science, Rochester, Minn.
Joseph A. Brazzo III	Pathology	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Kanita A. Chaudhry	Pediatrics	Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Md.
Megan Elizabeth Conrow-Graham	Psychiatry/Combined Adult/Child	Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Conn.
James JM Cooper	Surgery-Prelim	The MetroHealth System/Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio
John Lewis Etter	Internal Medicine	Duke University Hospital, Durham, N.C.
Cameron MacDonald	Medicine-Prelim	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Seth M. Moore	Radiation Oncology	Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Md.
Zachary Louis Weinstock	Pathology-AP/CP or AP Only	University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, Mich.
	Neurology	

Doctor of Medicine / Master of Business Administration

Dual Degree Program

Candidate	Training Program	Program Name
Matthew J. Zahn	Combined Adult/Child Psychiatry	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.

Doctor of Medicine / Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery /

MD Residency Program

Candidate	Training Program	Program Name
Farangis Farsio	Oral Maxillofacial Surgery	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.

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 1, 2025, 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.

Candidate

Adam Hesham Abbas
Abigail Marie Abramson
Ademola Adegbemigun

Stephanie Abena Tiwaa Adjei
Shady Yasser Albakry
Michelle Amankwah
Kelvin Anderson
Scott Anderson

Abena Ansah-Yeboah

Eylon Jonathan Arbel
Michael S. Augustin

Beatrice Rose Bacon
Daniel James Baetzhold
Ascharya K. Balaji

Madison MacKay Ballacchino
Surjo Bandyopadhyay
Colleen Brady Barrientos
Andrea Nicole Benson

Dominique Rachel Betterbed
Kwaku Bonsu
Jamie Joe Bousleiman
Clayton Timothy Brady
Seth Aaron Griffel Brand

Training Program

Anesthesiology
Pediatrics
Surgery-Prelim
Interventional Radiology

Surgery-Prelim
Internal Medicine
Internal Medicine
Otolaryngology
Transitional year
Internal medicine

Medicine-Prelim
Neurology

Urology
Medicine-Prelim
Radiation Oncology

Otolaryngology
Urology
Transitional year
Surgery

Anesthesiology
Surgery-Prelim
Urology
Transitional
Interventional Radiology
General Surgery/Combined
Medicine-Prelim
Orthopaedic Surgery
Int Medicine/CI Research
Medicine-Prelim
Anesthesiology

Program Name

Albany Medical Center, Albany, N.Y.
Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Conn.
University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Rochester General Hospital, Rochester, N.Y.
Rutgers Health/New Jersey Medical School, Newark, N.J.
Stony Brook Medicine, Stony Brook, N.Y.
Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Conn.
State University of New York Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, N.Y.
Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, Wash.

Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Conn.

Mount Sinai Medical Center of Florida, Miami Beach, Fla.
University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Ohio State University Hospital, Columbus, Ohio
UPMC Medical Education, Pittsburgh, Pa.
University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, Ga.

New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York, N.Y.
Brown University, Providence, R.I.
University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Mission Community Hospital, Panorama City, Calif.
Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, Ga.
Stony Brook Medicine, Stony Brook, N.Y.
University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Rutgers Health, Long Branch, N.J.
Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science, Rochester, Minn.
Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, Great Neck, N.Y.
Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, Ind.

Candidate	Training Program	Program Name
Kate Elizabeth Brashear	Medicine-Pediatrics	Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.
Joseph A. Brazzo III	Pathology	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Evan James Burns	Medicine-Prelim	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
	Radiology-Diagnostic	University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, Mass.
Devin Christopher Bush	Emergency Medicine	Albany Medical Center, Albany, N.Y.
Dominick J. Calavano	Neurology	Stony Brook Medicine, Stony Brook, N.Y.
Kyle Carlock	Anesthesiology	Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Dominic Alberto Carrillo	Psychiatry	Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem, N.C.
Paige Frances Carson	Obstetrics-Gynecology	Swedish Medical Center, Seattle, Wash.
Marissa Noelle Catanzaro	Anesthesiology	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Madeleine Champagne-Shafer	Family Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Kanita A. Chaudhry	Pediatrics	Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Md.
Lauren Davidson Chavanne	Anesthesiology	McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill.
Sarah H. Choudhury	Internal Medicine	Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.
Caitlin Chunco	Pediatrics	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Matthew Joseph Cobler-Lichter	Neurology	University of Utah Health, Salt Lake City, Utah
Victoria Lee Coluccio	Medicine-Prelim	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Claire Elizabeth Conrad	Emergency Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Megan Elizabeth Conrow-Graham	Psychiatry/Combined Adult/Child	Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Conn.
James JM Cooper	Surgery-Prelim	The MetroHealth System/Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio
		Albany Medical Center, Slingerlands, N.Y.
Regina M. Cooper	Ophthalmology	Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.
Brian Milo Cornell	Internal Medicine	Christiana Care Health Services Inc, Newark, Del.
Mackenzie Cronin	Obstetrics-Gynecology	Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem, N.C.
Cameron Paul DeMott	Emergency Medicine	Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, N.Y.
Kristina Kalpana Deonaraine	Internal Medicine	Pennsylvania Hospital (UPHS), Philadelphia, Pa.
Peter Deraska	Internal Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Alexandra Nicole DiVasta	Orthopaedic Surgery	Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.
Christine Dominas	Emergency Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Katelyn Christine Donnelly	Obstetrics-Gynecology	State University of New York Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, N.Y.
Iryna Dovirak	Urology	Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.
Lindsey Dressler	Neurology	St. John's Riverside Hospital, Yonkers, N.Y.
Sabrina Renee Dunn	Medicine-Prelim	Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital and Care Network, Chicago, Ill.
	Phys Medicine & Rehab	Stony Brook Medicine, Stony Brook, N.Y.
Cynthia Ann Dunne-Jaffe	Psychiatry/Comb Adult/Child	Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, New Hyde Park, N.Y.
Rose Hannah Durnell	Surgery-Prelim	Duke University Hospital, Durham, N.C.
John Lewis Etter	Internal Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Lindsey Marie Euscher	Medicine-Pediatrics	Case Western Reserve University/
Ifeoma Nneoma Ezeilo	Medicine-Pediatrics	University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio
		University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Alejandro Falca Jimenez	Family Medicine	University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, Mass.
Danielle Falkenstein	Medicine-Pediatrics	

Candidate	Training Program	Program Name
Farangis Farsio	Oral Maxillofacial Surgery	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Alexander Jacob Fees	Internal Medicine/Research	University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kansas City, Kan.
Laurel Joy Finson	Psychiatry	Tower Health, West Reading, Pa.
Patrick Leo Forrestel	Neurology	Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio
Bryanna Lexus Coelho Freitas	Emergency Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Katherine Ann Frustaci	Anesthesiology	Tufts Medical Center, Boston, Mass.
Emily Isabel Charlotte Fuster	Medicine-Prelim	University of California (Irvine), Orange, Calif.
Joseph Gallardo Alzate	Neurology	
Raghad Ghanim	Phys Medicine & Rehab	Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.
Raquel E. Gomez	Pediatrics	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Benjamin Christopher Graham	Emergency Medicine	Prisma Health, Columbia, S.C.
Valeria Grajales Estrada	Orthopaedic Surgery	State University of New York Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, N.Y.
Nathaniel Gregory Graves	Pediatrics	Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, New Hyde Park, N.Y.
	Emergency Medicine	State University of New York Downstate Health Sciences University, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Kayla Green	Emergency Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Kaley Ann Grooms	Pediatrics	University of California (San Diego) Medical Center, San Diego, Calif.
Jared Edward Gurba	Int Medicine/	Case Western Reserve University/
	Leadership in Medicine Ed	University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio
Natalie Anne Guzelak	Transitional	HCA Healthcare/USF Morsani College of Medicine GME, Bradenton, Fla.
	Radiology-Diagnostic	UPMC Medical Education, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Victoria M. Haak	Pediatrics	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Jamie E. Hagerty	Psychiatry	Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, Mass.
Seoyoung Han	Psychiatry	Albany Medical Center, Albany, N.Y.
Emily Maroun Hannah	General Surgery	George Washington University School of Medicine, Washington, D.C.
Matthew Logan Harris	Family Medicine	University of Utah Health, Salt Lake City, Utah
Rebecca Grace Hartling	Family Medicine	Mercy Health-St Rita's Medical Center, Lima, Ohio
Mohammad Eisa Hashmi	Neurological Surgery	Cooper Hospital-University Medical Center, Camden, N.J.
Kaylee Ann Marie Hausrath	Emergency Medicine	Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, Mass.
Kathryn A. Hobika	Pediatrics/Psych/Child Psych	Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital-Lifespan, Providence, R.I.
Erin Jiyeon Hong	Obstetrics-Gynecology	Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Sophia Huang	Transitional/Southampton	Stony Brook Medicine, Southampton, N.Y.
	Radiology-Diagnostic	New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York, N.Y.
Arianna Adele Hughes	Neurology	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Brandon Russell Hundley	Psychiatry	University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics, Madison, Wisc.
Justin Im	Neurological Surgery	Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, Mass.
Joseph Samir Iskander	Vascular Surgery	Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, New Hyde Park, N.Y.
Nathaniel Iskhakov	Urology	Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, N.Y.
Arsh Issany	Internal Medicine	Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.
Conor R. Jackson	Surgery-Prelim	Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, N.Y.
Brady Jensen	Internal Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Elizabeth Olamide Johnson	Family Medicine	Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, N.Y.
Naomi Joseph	Research	
Sasha Shenell Joseph	Family Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Isabella Julian	Psychiatry	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Mikayla Shayne Katz	Emergency Medicine	University of California Davis Health, Sacramento, Calif.

Candidate	Training Program	Program Name
Zara Izabella Kazmierczak	Internal Medicine	Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.
Noor K. Khechen	Family Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Mary Samantha Kneer	Emergency Medicine	University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
Austin Erich Knorz	Anest/Clinical Base Year	Ohio State University Hospital, Columbus, Ohio
Sasha Rachel Pavlovna Kogan	Family Medicine/UIH	University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
Marissa D. Kruk	Neurological Surgery	Case Western Reserve University/University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio UPMC Medical Education, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Leah Krzemien	Emergency Medicine	
Cathleen Chenyu Kuo	Deferred Residency	
Daniel Alexander Sey Young Lai	Medicine-Prelim/Ophthalmology Ophthalmology	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Tyler Richard Laird	Medicine-Prelim	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Hannah Christine Lane	Obstetrics-Gynecology/ALGH	Advocate Health Care, Park Ridge, Ill.
Samuel Alan Larkin	Surgery-Prelim	Carilion Clinic-Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, Roanoke, Va.
Catherine Lawton	Transitional Phys Medicine & Rehab	OhioHealth, Columbus, Ohio University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, Wash.
Ming Xia Lian	Neurological Surgery	Stony Brook Medicine, Stony Brook, N.Y.
Joseph Christopher Licata	Internal Medicine	Stony Brook Medicine, Stony Brook, N.Y.
Christopher Little	Family Medicine	Campbell University, Clinton, N.C.
Michael Sheridan Long	Pediatrics	Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.
Eve A. Lopez	Surgery-Prelim	State University of New York Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, N.Y.
Jenna Evelyn Lutfy	Medicine-Pediatrics	Stony Brook Medicine, Stony Brook, N.Y.
Cameron MacDonald	Medicine-Prelim Radiation Oncology	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Emily Elizabeth MacDonald	Anesthesiology	Maine Medical Center, Portland, Maine
Rhea Marfatia	Internal Medicine	Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, N.Y.
Cameron Christian Mason	Medicine-Prelim Radiology-Diagnostic	State University of New York Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, N.Y. University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Farrah Mawani Lamboy	Psychiatry	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Lily Ann McGovern	Medicine-Pediatrics	Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.
James William McKinnon II	Emergency Medicine	University of Miami/Jackson Health System, Miami, Fla.
Amit Mehrotra	Internal Medicine	NYU Long Island School of Medicine, Mineola, N.Y.
Paul Mercado	Emergency Medicine	UPMC Medical Education, Erie, Pa.
Korinne Mary Mills	Psychiatry	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Julia Montemage	Anesthesiology	Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio
Seth M. Moore	Pathology-AP/CP or AP Only	Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Md.
Allen R. Murphy	Medicine-Emergency Med	Christiana Care Health Services Inc, Newark, Del.
Nina Marie Mustico	Psychiatry	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Bisar Nezha	Family Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Lindsay Joyce Nitsche	Thoracic Surgery	University of Pennsylvania Health System, Philadelphia, Pa.
Natalie Karina Nunez	Emergency Medicine	University of Miami/Jackson Health System, Miami, Fla.
Bernard Klortia Okai	Neurological Surgery	Albany Medical Center, Albany, N.Y.
Courtney Lynn Olbrich	Family Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Charles Palka	Vascular Surgery	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Sydney Denfield Danston Pigott	Anesthesiology	Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Conn.
Daniel Stanley Joseph Powell	Family Medicine	Rochester General Hospital, Batavia, N.Y.

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Shefalika Prasad	Medicine-Prelim	Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Conn.
Michelle L. Qiu	Neurology	UPMC Medical Education, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Alexa Rose Reardon	Internal Medicine	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Dominique Faye Revan	Medicine-Pediatrics	Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, Riverhead, N.Y.
	Transitional	Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, Pa.
	Dermatology	
Taylor Rose Rick	Research	
Abdulnasser Saeidi	Family Medicine	Jamaica Hospital Medical Center, Jamaica, N.Y.
Harneet Kaur Sandhu	General Surgery	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Roshni Saxena	Internal Medicine	Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, Great Neck, N.Y.
Paul Joseph Schiffmacher	Ophthalmology	Geisinger Health System, Danville, Pa.
Maxwell Martin Scott	Orthopaedic Surgery	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Clayton Michienzi Shanahan	Psychiatry	Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, Glen Oaks, N.Y.
Melissa C. Sloley	Family Medicine	New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, N.C.
Anthony Michael Snyder	Internal Medicine	Rutgers Health, Newark, N.J.
Diana Hossam Soliman	Internal Medicine	Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, Mount Kisco, N.Y.
Anna Min Stokolosa	Anesthesiology	Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, Calif.
Karlynn Studley	Family Medicine/Summit Pacific	St. Peter Hospital, Elma, Wash.
MacKenzie Lilan Swanson	Combined Adult/Child Psychiatry	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Amanda M. Szarzanowicz	Emergency Medicine	Stanford Health Care, Stanford, Calif.
Lauren Dianne Todoro	Pediatrics	Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.
Connor Ullery	General Surgery	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Anjali Vejendla	Medicine-Pediatrics	Rutgers Health, Newark, N.J.
Bryan Velez	Internal Medicine	Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, N.Y.
Olivia Virginia Waldman	Psychiatry	Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.
Nathaniel Victor Walker	Internal Medicine	Case Western Reserve University/ University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio
Zachary Louis Weinstock	Neurology	University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, Mich.
Gretchen Cara Kathleen Weiss	Medicine-Prelim	George Washington University School of Medicine, Washington, D.C.
	Ophthalmology	
Mary Jia-Hsing Yeh	Medicine-Pediatrics/LME	Case Western Reserve University/ University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio
Nicholas Christian Young	Psychiatry	Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn.
Sarah Eileen Young	Pediatrics	Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.
Matthew J. Zahn	Combined Adult/Child Psychiatry	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine, Buffalo, N.Y.
Aala Zakir	Surgery-Prelim	NYU Long Island School of Medicine, Mineola, N.Y.

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.

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Honors and Awards

DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY

Lieberman Award

interest and aptitude in the study of Anesthesiology

Adam Hesham Abbas
Madison MacKay Ballacchino
Emily Elizabeth MacDonald

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Department of Emergency Medicine Scholastic Award

outstanding academic record in Emergency Medicine

Kaylee Ann Marie Hausrath

Society for Academic Emergency Medicine

excellence in Emergency Medicine

Mary Samantha Kneer

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE

American Academy of Family Physicians President's Award

outstanding academic record and a commitment to practice Family Medicine

Courtney Lynn Olbrich

Charles Bauda Award

academic excellence during third year

Madeleine Champagne-Shafer
Alejandro Falca Jimenez
Rebecca Grace Hartling
Noor K. Khechen

G. Norris Miner Memorial Award

demonstration of outstanding clinical competence in Family Medicine

Sasha Rachel Pavlovna Kogan

Mark A. Petrino Award

demonstrated interest and aptitude for the general practice of Family Medicine

Sasha Shenell Joseph

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

The Bukowski Award

characteristics of high integrity, loyalty, thoughtfulness and thoroughness

Clayton Timothy Brady

Patrick Costello Award

achieved highest grade on the written exam for Internal Medicine

Jared Edward Gurba

David K. Miller Prize in Medicine

competence, humility and humanity in caring for the sick

John Lewis Etter

Stephen J. Paolini Award

best exemplified the qualities of dedication and compassion which Dr. Paolini personified

Lily Ann McGovern

Emilie Davis Rodenberg Memorial Award

demonstrated strong interest in the study of diabetes

Dominick J. Calavano
Madeleine Champagne-Shafer

Harry E. and Loretta A. Jordan Award

recognizes a student for noteworthy investigation of cancer and neoplastic disease

Michelle L. Qiu

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*

Alexa Rose Reardon

DEPARTMENT OF NEUROLOGY

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

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

Lindsey Dressler

Connor Ullery

DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

Hans J. Lowenstein Award in Obstetrics
most outstanding clinical work

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

Katelyn Christine Donnelly
Rose Hannah Durnell
Hannah Christine Lane

Mackenzie Cronin

DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

Dr. Thomas J. Guttuso Award
academic excellence in Ophthalmology

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

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

Daniel Alexander Sey Young Lai

Paul Joseph Schiffmacher

Gretchen Cara Kathleen Weiss

DEPARTMENT OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY

Department of Otolaryngology Chairman's Award
demonstrated outstanding achievement in Otolaryngology

Beatrice Rose Bacon

DEPARTMENT OF ORTHOPAEDICS

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

Maxwell Martin Scott

Honors and Awards

DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY & ANATOMICAL SCIENCES

Morris & Sadie Stein Award
excellence in Neuroscience

Natalie Anne Guzelak
Connor Ullery

DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS

Children’s Hospital Prize
excellence in understanding childhood diseases

Caitlin Chunco

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

Mary Jia-Hsing Yeh

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

Lindsey Marie Euscher

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

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

Nicholas Christian Young

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

Jamie E. Hagerty

Farney R. Wurlitzer Prize
outstanding work in Psychiatry

Arianna Adele Hughes

DEPARTMENT OF RADIOLOGY

Dr. George Alker Award
excellence in Radiology

Natalie Anne Guzelak

DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

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

Joseph Samir Iskander

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

Connor Ullery

Dr. Heinrich Leonhardt Prize in Surgery
academic excellence

Lindsay Joyce Nitsche

RESEARCH AWARDS

Bacelli Award

most outstanding research by a medical student

Lindsay Joyce Nitsche

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

Maxwell Martin Scott

Erika Bruck Award

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

Sarah H. Choudhury

Research Honors Awards

a commitment to excellence in research during medical school

Adam Hesham Abbas
Kelvin Anderson
Eylon Jonathan Arbel
Beatrice Rose Bacon
Daniel James Baetzhold
Ascharya K. Balaji
Madison MacKay Ballacchino
Dominique Rachel Betterbed
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Paul Mercado
Lindsay Joyce Nitsche
Courtney Lynn Olbrich
Dominique Faye Revan
Paul Joseph Schiffmacher
Maxwell Martin Scott
Olivia Virginia Waldman

Thesis Honors Awards

outstanding research supported by a written thesis satisfying the School’s highest standard

Sarah H. Choudhury
Regina M. Cooper
Emily Maroun Hannah
Cathleen Chenyu Kuo
Bernard Klortia Okai
Shetalika Prasad

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
- Dr. James Goldinger Curriculum Leadership Award**
leadership, enthusiasm, and a dedication to teaching
- National Medical Association Award**
excellence in scholarship, leadership and commitment to community service
- John Paroski, M.D. Memorial Award**
compassion and excellence in patient care
- Philip P. Sang Memorial Award**
ability to relate well to patients, faculty, and staff
- The Dr. Karen Schupak Memorial Medical Student Award**
demonstrates a high degree of empathy when working with patients

- Danielle Falkenstein
- Mackenzie Cronin
- Nathaniel Gregory Graves
- Patrick Leo Forrestel
- Shefalika Prasad
- Sarah H. Choudhury
- Courtney Lynn Olbrich

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
- Elizabeth Award**
unusual compassion and a noteworthy personal and professional sense of integrity and ethics
- Bernhardt & Sophie Gottlieb Award**
expertise in areas outside medicine
- Colonel and Mrs. Robert C. M. Liu Award**
demonstrated commitment to the US military through family or personal service
- Medical Alumni Association Award**
outstanding community service and commitment
- Medical Alumni Association Dean’s Award**
participation in extracurricular activities in the Medical School while maintaining a high standard of academic excellence
- Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award**
exemplary compassion and sensitivity in the delivery of care
- Merck Academic Excellence Award**
outstanding academics coupled with noteworthy humanism and leadership

- Madeleine Champagne-Shafer
- Sasha Shenell Joseph
- Iryna Dovirak
- Scott Anderson
- Justin Im
- Lauren Dianne Todoro
- Lily Ann McGovern
- Colleen Brady Barrientos
- Kathryn A. Hobika
- Arsh Issany
- Catherine Lawton

James Platt White Society Award

intellectual vigor and moral courage

John Lewis Etter
Nathaniel Gregory Graves

Harold J. Levy Award in Psychophysiological Medicine

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

Ifeoma Nneoma Ezeilo

The Roy E. Seibel Sr. MD Medical School Award

Academic excellence and outstanding character

Amanda M. Szarzanowicz

Wendel Award in Wellness and Inclusion

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

Shady Yasser Albakry

Carosella Award

Strength of character, personal integrity, academic achievement

Alexa Rose Reardon

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."

Latin Honors

Adam Hesham Abbas

Michelle Amankwah

Kelvin Anderson

Eylon Jonathan Arbel

Beatrice Rose Bacon

Daniel James Baetzhold

Madison MacKay Ballacchino

Surjo Bandyopadhyay

Colleen Brady Barrientos

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Dean's Letter of Commendation

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Kate Elizabeth Brashear ²³
Joseph A. Brazzo, III ¹
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Devin Christopher Bush ¹
Dominic Alberto Carrillo ¹²
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Peter Deraska ³
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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 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.

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

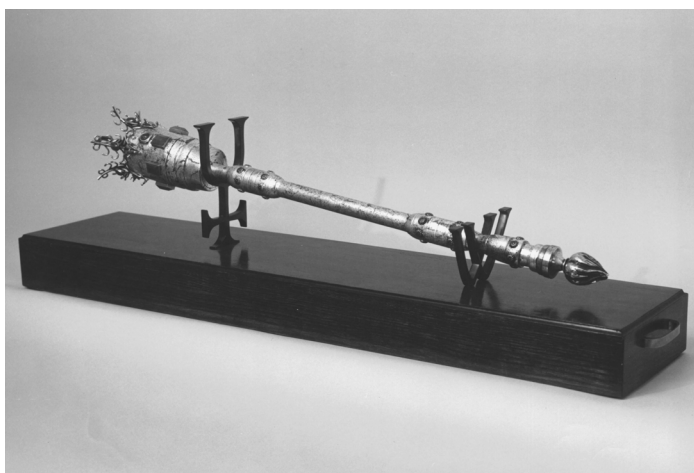
reputed to have taught the beginnings of scientific medicine, the origin of the practices of the western world.

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



Welcome Alumni!

Dear Class of 2025 -

On behalf of the Medical Alumni Association, congratulations on your graduation from the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences! With your new degree and the well-earned title of Medical Doctor, you and your loved ones have so much to celebrate. As you reflect on this milestone, take pride in all you have done and remember those—faculty, mentors, classmates, family, and friends—who supported you along the way.

We are thrilled to welcome you into the Jacobs School alumni community. Our tradition of supporting alumni, residents, and students continues to grow, and we are proud to have you as part of the UB alumni family.

As you begin your residency and advance in your career, please stay connected to the school and the people who shaped your path. The Medical Alumni Association is here as a resource to help you stay engaged with the university, your fellow alumni, and current students.

Wherever your career takes you, we look forward to welcoming you back as proud ambassadors of the Jacobs School. Connect and network with alumni in your area who can support you both professionally and personally when possible and stay involved to support to the next generation of UB medical students—especially those interviewing and training in your area.

A wonderful way to reconnect and stay close with classmates is during reunions –Whether it is this weekend, your five-year reunion in 2030 or beyond, please remember to attend these gatherings – they will remind you of the lifelong bonds forged during medical school.

You will receive alumni news, events, and opportunities to still be involved. Please keep contact information current and along the way share pictures, proud moments from medical school and accomplishments using the QR code. If you haven't already, follow our Jacobs School social media channels to stay connected and celebrate the achievements of our alumni community. We would love to highlight your journey, so please stay in touch!

Once again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

Melissa Rayhill, MD '10
President, Medical Alumni Association (2023-2025)
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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.

