



American University of the Caribbean
School of Medicine

2020 COMMENCEMENT



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Saturday, May 16, 2020

A Virtual Commencement



COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS

Heidi Chumley, MD, MBA – Provost

Julie S. Taylor, MD, MSc – Chief Academic Officer and Senior Associate Dean, Academic and Student Affairs

Pedro L. Delgado, MD – Senior Associate Dean, Sint Maarten Campus

Mark Quirk, EdD – Senior Associate Dean, Medical Education

Golden Jackson, PhD – Assistant Dean, Community Engagement

Athena Andreadis, MD – Assistant Professor, Behavioral and Clinical Medicine

Angela Branche, MD – AUC Class of 2007

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL

The Generation New Status Drum Corps

WELCOME

Mark Quirk, EdD

REMARKS

Heidi Chumley, MD, MBA

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Angela Branche, MD – Clinical Director of the NIH
Centers of Excellence for Influenza Research and Surveillance (CEIRS)
New York Influenza Center of Excellence (NYICE)
AUC Class of 2007

SPECIAL AWARDS

Outstanding Community Service

Presented by Golden Jackson, PhD

Outstanding Academic Achievement Awards

Presented by Julie S. Taylor, MD, MSc

PRESENTATION OF STUDENTS

THE PHYSICIAN'S OATH DECLARATION OF GENEVA

Pedro L. Degado, MD

CONFERRAL OF ACADEMIC DEGREES

Heidi Chumley, MD, MBA

CLASS REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSE

Constantine Kanakis, MD – AUC Class of 2019

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ADDRESS

Athena Andreadis, MD – AUC Class of 2007

RECESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance



HEIDI CHUMLEY, MD, MBA
PROVOST

Heidi Chumley, MD, MBA was named Executive Dean of American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine in 2013 and Provost in 2020 and is responsible for the development of a strategic vision for academic excellence and career outcomes. She also acts as the head of Adtalem Global Education’s Academic Council.

Dr. Chumley joined AUC following an eight-year career at the University of Kansas School of Medicine, where she served as Associate Vice Chancellor for educational resources and interprofessional education. Her responsibilities included fostering a vibrant learning environment supported by technology and other academic resources, as well as developing a center for interprofessional education and simulation. She also served for nearly four years as Senior Associate Dean for medical education, responsible for admissions, curriculum and student affairs. Dr. Chumley also led initiatives in rural health, and cultural enhancement and diversity.

She has been recognized with national awards for teaching, leadership and scholarship, including the President’s Award from the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine for leading the taskforce that created the national Family Medicine Clerkship Curriculum. She is an editor of the textbooks Color Atlas in Family Medicine, Color Atlas in Internal Medicine, and Color Atlas for Pediatrics.

Dr. Chumley earned her medical degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, where she also completed her residency in family medicine and a fellowship in academic leadership. She recently completed an executive MBA at the University of Miami, with an emphasis on Latin American and the Caribbean. She received her bachelor’s degree in biochemistry from Abilene Christian University.



JULIE S. TAYLOR, MD, MSC

CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER

AND SENIOR ASSOCIATE DEAN, ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Julie Scott Taylor, MD, MSc is the Chief Academic Officer and Senior Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs at American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine. In this role, Dr. Taylor oversees academic affairs and student affairs on the Sint Maarten campus and all clinical sites, manages accreditation and approval processes, and develops new programs. This academic year, she moved her family from Rhode Island, where she practiced family medicine and primary care in underserved areas, to the United Kingdom where she has facilitated the design and launch of various international initiatives.

Dr. Taylor was appointed to Senior Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs and Chief Academic Officer in 2017, three years after she joined AUC as Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Sciences. During her first years at AUC, she oversaw strategies to enhance student competitiveness in the U.S. residency match. Dr. Taylor was previously the Director of Clinical Curriculum at Brown University's Alpert Medical School where she coordinated an integrated four-year program across specialties and also served as the Family Medicine Clerkship Director.

Dr. Taylor has been on the faculty at Brown University since 2001. She was the Principal Investigator for several major grants, authored more than 130 publications, and was promoted to Full Professor in 2013. She is also the Past President of the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine, a worldwide physician organization.

Dr. Taylor earned her undergraduate degree from Harvard College and her medical degree from the University of Massachusetts Medical School. She holds a master's degree in epidemiology and biostatistics from Boston University and completed her residency training in family medicine at Brown University before a 2-year faculty development fellowship at Boston University.



PEDRO L. DELGADO, MD

SENIOR ASSOCIATE DEAN, SINT MAARTEN CAMPUS

Pedro L. Delgado, MD, is the Senior Associate Dean of American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine's Sint Maarten campus, where he is responsible for faculty affairs and government and community relations. As Senior Associate Dean, Dr. Delgado contributes to the culture of AUC's medical sciences campus and leads efforts to foster community engagement and academic excellence.

Dr. Delgado joined AUC in April 2019 from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) where he served as the Marie Wilson Howells Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry in the College of Medicine and Director of the UAMS Psychiatric Research Institute (PRI) from 2014 – 2018.

Dr. Delgado earned a BS in biology summa cum laude from the University of Houston and his MD (AOA) and MA (Pharmacology) from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas. After completing his internship and residency training in psychiatry at Yale University School of Medicine, he served on their faculty from 1987 – 1992. He subsequently served on the faculty of the University of Arizona College of Medicine, Case Western Reserve School of Medicine, and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

Dr. Delgado's academic interests include multidisciplinary, team-based approaches to health care; mentoring of medical students, postdoctoral fellows and faculty; clinical research training; compensation and evaluation procedures in academic medical centers; and faculty wellness, development and professionalism. He is most known for his groundbreaking work using neurotransmitter depletion to study antidepressant mechanisms. For his work investigating the biology of depression, he shared the international Anna Monika Prize in 1995.



MARK QUIRK, EDD

SENIOR ASSOCIATE DEAN, MEDICAL EDUCATION

Mark Quirk, EdD is the Senior Associate Dean of Medical Education at American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine. Since joining AUC in 2016, Dr. Quirk has provided vision and oversight for all forms of curriculum and faculty development, including determining appropriate support, resources, and programming.

Dr. Quirk is a renowned medical education expert. From 2012 to 2014, he served as Vice President for Medical Education Outcomes for the American Medical Association and spent more than thirty years with the University of Massachusetts Medical School, serving most recently as Professor and Associate Chair of Family Medicine and Community Health and the Assistant Dean for Academic Achievement. Dr. Quirk also directed the medical school's Center for Clinical Communication and Performance Outcomes, the Center for Academic Achievement, and the Clinical Faculty Development Center—a 16 school collaborative devoted to teaching and learning medicine.

Dr. Quirk has published two books and more than 70 articles on medical education and behavioral science research. He has delivered keynote addresses and participated in panel presentations on teaching and learning, critical thinking, clinical communication and medical expertise at national and international conferences and several medical school education day events. Dr. Quirk has served as principal investigator and director of successful training grants that have been funded for more than \$6 million.

Dr. Quirk is the 2006 recipient of the national Excellence in Education Award from the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine and the 2009 recipient of the Lamar Soutter Award for Excellence in Medical Education at UMass Medical School.



ANGELA BRANCHE, MD

CLINICAL DIRECTOR OF THE NIH CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR INFLUENZA RESEARCH AND SURVEILLANCE (CEIRS) | NEW YORK INFLUENZA CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (NYICE)
AUC CLASS OF 2007

Angela Branche, MD, is an Assistant Professor at the University of Rochester, School of Medicine. Dr. Branche received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology at the University of Pennsylvania, she then earned her Doctorate in Medicine from AUC in 2007. She completed a residency in Internal Medicine at NYU Langone Hospital- Brooklyn in Brooklyn, NY and infectious disease fellowship at the University of Rochester. She currently has a clinical inpatient practice comprised of both general infectious diseases and HIV medicine patients and is also a New York State designated HIV/AIDS provider.

At the University of Rochester, Dr. Branche's focus in research involved the use of viral molecular and immunological diagnostic assays to explore the pathogenesis and host response to acute viral respiratory illnesses in adults. She is currently the clinical director of the NIH Center for Excellent in Influenza Research and Surveillance (CEIRS) New York Influenza Center of Excellence (NYICE) and Co-Principle Investigator for the UR Vaccine Treatment and Evaluation Unit (UR VTEU). Her current research activities explore clinical disease, pathogenesis, development of therapeutics and vaccine biology related to infection with viral and bacterial respiratory pathogens. Dr. Branche's studies include assessment of asymptomatic carriage of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and the impact of pneumococcal vaccination, surveillance of epidemic influenza infections and immunologic mechanisms of protection following natural infection versus vaccination, the development of pandemic influenza vaccines, population-based studies of RSV infection and the development of vaccine and anti-viral agents for RSV. She is a member of the Infectious Disease Society of America and the NIH Human Cohorts Steering Committee. Dr. Branche has published several peer-reviewed articles, reviews and book chapters related to respiratory viral pathogens in adults.



CONSTANTINE KANAKIS, MD, MSC, MLS (ASCP)

AUC CLASS OF 2019

Constantine Kanakis, MD, MSc, MLS, is a proud member of this year’s graduating class. He is a newly matched, incoming resident physician at Loyola Medicine in Chicago in their Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. During medical school, he was involved in translational science, public health, and community outreach programs. Before AUC he studied molecular biology, bioethics, political science at Loyola University Chicago and transitioned to a career in medical laboratory science after finishing a masters at Rush University. His clinical experiences in diagnostic service inspired his career pursuits in medicine. After winning a national award for professional contributions, he left his clinical role in late 2015, and he moved, with his wife Kathryn, to Sint Maarten to start basic sciences at AUC.

His time at AUC informed his actions through leadership, scholarship, and service. His leadership with AMSA and service-learning electives garnered a following back home, highlighting his work with the 2017 ASCP Top 40 Under Forty award. He has been an online ASCP staff writer for the last four years. His service-learning work galvanized partnerships between the AUC and Sint Maarten communities, addressing Zika prevention and education with his close-knit team. Since leaving Sint Maarten, he continued to engage the pathology community, acted as a clinical site representative, discussed resilience with a recent TEDx talk, published works in translational medicine, used social media to educate and collaborate across disciplines, and has been a source of public health and laboratory education and outreach during the coronavirus pandemic in New York City.

DEGREE CANDIDATES

AUGUST 23, 2019

Dr. Iyabo Akinsanmi

Dr. Soubhi Alhayek

Dr. Lilian Ameh*

Dr. Jonathan Barney*

Dr. Elisabeth Barrar*

Dr. Patrick Bergin*

Dr. Valerie Bernadotte*

Dr. Amber Brewster

Dr. John Cacchio

Dr. Chien-Wai Chiu**

Dr. Ryan Cook

Dr. Anthony Daniels

Dr. Victoria Dao**

Dr. Nilesh Dialani*

Dr. Crystal Douglas

Dr. Nhi Duong

Dr. Andras Eder*

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Dr. Adrianna Gatt*

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Dr. Valeria Giuliano

Dr. Cassandra Greene

Dr. Aisha Habib

Dr. Christine Haselhorst*

Dr. Houston Hodges II

Dr. Rick Hsu**

Dr. Kyle Huang

Dr. Varun Jain**

Dr. Jerry John*

Dr. Jason Khoury*

Dr. Darran Khublall*

Dr. Adrianna Kordek

Dr. David Korneluk*

Dr. Chelsea Lane

Dr. Michael Linden*

Dr. Isabel Lopes

Dr. Adrine Markosyan

Dr. Cristian Medina

Dr. Tushar Menon*

Dr. Brooke Miller

Dr. Matthew Myrick*

Dr. Nicholas Nassif

Dr. Anthony Obisesan

Dr. Agnes Prospere

Dr. Farrah Rajab*

Dr. Jasdeep Randhawa

Dr. Vivek Reddy

Dr. Tabish Riaz

Dr. Priyanka Satish

Dr. Robert Scarfo*

Dr. Michael Schwartz

Dr. Sana Shakil

Dr. Nazanin Sheikhan

Dr. Anoop Sinha*

Dr. Valeria Soegaard Garcia*

Dr. Connor Swinford

Dr. Brandon Tedder*

Dr. Joseph Trak

Dr. The Tran

Dr. Anthony Trinh

Dr. Maximillian Weigelt**

OCTOBER 25, 2019

Dr. Jeremy Adel

Dr. Shahzad Akbar*

Dr. Niveta Aravind

Dr. Alvin Beyerlein

Dr. Rohit Bhardwaj*

Dr. Sylvia Botchway

Dr. Aaron Brown*

Dr. Cecil Brown

Dr. Vipranpreet Chahil

Dr. Angie Cheung*

Dr. Lauren Colasurdo*

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DEGREE CANDIDATES

Dr. Orlirio Corrales	Dr. Chelsea Seaton	Dr. Karlisa Crooks
Dr. Caroline Dale	Dr. Sameer Sethi*	Dr. Anthony Dalton*
Dr. Dorian Delgado	Dr. Ian Smith	Dr. Nicholas Dumlao
Dr. Maria Frost	Dr. Alyxandra Soloway*	Dr. Victoria Durojaiye*
Dr. Jacob Gates	Dr. Michael Talotta	Dr. Ibrahim El-Mais
Dr. Mervina George*	Dr. Roberto Veloso*	Dr. Alejandro Feria***
Dr. Melissa Gray	Dr. Neal Vohora	Dr. Daniel Garcia**
Dr. Aaron Higgins	Dr. Steven Winters*	Dr. Jameson Gilstrap
Dr. Peter Huynh*	Dr. Ashley Zboril*	Dr. Jacob Gorney
Dr. Ahmed Imtiaz		Dr. Luke Gray*
Dr. Constantine Kanakis*	DECEMBER 20, 2019	Dr. Brian Greene**
Dr. Rumman Khalid*		Dr. Habib Haidary
Dr. Mohammad Khan	Dr. William Adams	Dr. Laura Hernandez
Dr. Nataliya Khimitch*	Dr. Shehbaz Ahmad**	Dr. Kevin Hwang*
Dr. William Leach	Dr. Chukwuemeka Ajufo	Dr. Yassin Irislimane**
Dr. Adnan Manzoor	Dr. Victoria Akselrod	Dr. Sasank Isola*
Dr. Adrianna Mitchell*	Dr. Sandra Al Tamimi*	Dr. Desai Jiang*
Dr. Syeda Mujahid**	Dr. Amir Amidi	Dr. Eero Keravuori
Dr. Ngozika Onyiuke	Dr. Ankit Arora**	Dr. Stephanie Khoury*
Dr. Parth Patel	Dr. Sadia Aslam	Dr. Nicholas Kotsyubko*
Dr. Seth Perry	Dr. Anthony Awad	Dr. Stephanie Kurhanewicz*
Dr. Dipti Rai*	Dr. Mariann Babi	Dr. Shaheen Lashani
Dr. Kaysha Lynne Ribao*	Dr. Jonathan Baptiste	Dr. Anh Luong
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Dr. Brittni McClellan	FEBRUARY 28, 2020	Dr. Christian Grant
Dr. Thomas Middleton		Dr. Maeve Greenberg*
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Dr. Alakananda Mukherjee	Dr. Taylor Abraham	Dr. Syed Hassan
Dr. Tannaz Nekoi-Panah	Dr. Tayo Akadiri*	Dr. Nader Jamaledine
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Dr. Patrick Jason Panzu	Dr. Eduardo Avena Arevalo	Dr. Brandon Katta
Dr. Jordon Prosapio	Dr. Ali Beydoun	Dr. Iaroslav Kondriuk*
Dr. Dean Quaranta*	Dr. Ashley Capace	Dr. Jacob Kulyn
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Dr. Christopher Robertz*	Dr. Ananya Das	Dr. Meagan Marshall
Dr. Stefanie Rulli**	Dr. Catherine Dennen	Dr. Daniel Matienzo
Dr. Samuel Rusu*	Dr. Habtemariam Dessie**	Dr. Nicholas Matuza
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Dr. Jaskaran Sidhu*	Dr. Christian Figueroa	Dr. Richard Mosu
Dr. Prashanth Singanallur	Dr. David Freeman*	Dr. George-Joseph Nahal
Dr. Lindsay Smith	Dr. Eric Garrels	Dr. Suchith Nareddy
Dr. George Velasco	Dr. Kavian Ghanavati	Dr. Peter Nguyen
Dr. Jessica West	Dr. Christopher Glynn	Dr. Ayodele Obigbesan
Dr. Mufeng Zhu*	Dr. Nicholas Goodwin	Dr. Itoro Obot*
	Dr. Joshua Gorney	Dr. Kelcie O'Dell

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Dr. Kathryn Ogborn*	Dr. Paul Takla	Dr. Shane Endicott
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Dr. Iya Owainati*	Dr. Sharon Turnil	Dr. Mariam Fam
Dr. Joseph Owens	Dr. Sabrina Urs	Dr. Christopher Farzaneh
Dr. Trevor Owens*	Dr. Nicholas Weber	Dr. Polina Gaisinskaya
Dr. Patrick Pagador*	Dr. Hutton White	Dr. Asmita Gautam
Dr. Victor Pastrana	Dr. Andrew Yancone	Dr. Christopher Gebara
Dr. Navangi Patel	Dr. Carly Young	Dr. Tyler Gilmore
Dr. Rebecca Perlman	Dr. Youstina Youssef	Dr. Caitlyn Gottwald*
Dr. Sharvani Raguthu	Dr. Henry Zhang*	Dr. Sybille Guemghe Talla
Dr. Bradley Reed		Dr. Tanuj Gupta*
Dr. Dean Rizzi	APRIL 24, 2020	Dr. Sebastian Hawkins*
Dr. Jatin Sadarangani		Dr. Rajeswari Jasty
Dr. David Saez	Dr. Johnathan Agil	Dr. Courtney Kelly
Dr. Thomas Sanders	Dr. Shahab Ali*	Dr. Assees Khan
Dr. Jacqueline Santamarina	Dr. Ammar Alkhafaji	Dr. Timothy Kirtek
Dr. Melody Santos	Dr. Padma Aluru	Dr. Anudeep Kommineni
Dr. Bronte Savaya	Dr. Omar Arshad*	Dr. Daniel-Mario Larco
Dr. Arpita Shah	Dr. Jahanzeb Ashraf*	Dr. Emmanuel Leung*
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Dr. Fady Sidhom	Dr. Natalie Bacheldor	Dr. Natasha Lyll
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Dr. Elliott Smith	Dr. Christopher Bradburne	Dr. Craig Mason*
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Dr. Katherine Soto	Dr. Christopher Dilger	Dr. Nathaniel Minigh

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Dr. Carol Monis*	Dr. Hayley Williams
Dr. Jacob Moussa	Dr. John Yeiser III
Dr. Kieu Oanh Nguyen	
Dr. Bilal Niazi	MAY 15, 2020
Dr. Chimere Nnaji	
Dr. David Orent	Dr. Mohamed Ahmed
Dr. Prithvi Pande	Dr. Jamie Baden
Dr. Vikram Pandit*	Dr. Triston Berger**
Dr. Mohamed Raafat	Dr. Yosef Diab
Dr. Riki Ranat	Dr. Vinh Dong*
Dr. Alec Raniwsky*	Dr. Tasha Heller
Dr. Nicole Salvador	Dr. Chelsea Hughes
Dr. Tatiana Sanchez*	Dr. John Hughes
Dr. Michael Schmidt	Dr. Jeremy Levin
Dr. Hannah Schuett	Dr. Paul Mah
Dr. Abigail Sebald	Dr. Dhwani Oza*
Dr. Samantha Shaw	Dr. Hayley Shade
Dr. Armish Singh	Dr. David Sheron
Dr. Alexander Szczukowski	Dr. Jifeng Wang
Dr. Joshua Talbert	Dr. Melinda Wang
Dr. Nathan Tanner	
Dr. Jeffrey Thiebaud	
Dr. Tina Tran*	
Dr. Cole Uhland*	
Dr. Alyssa Vicari	

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AUC SCHOLARSHIPS

Graduates who received an AUC scholarship during their medical education are outfitted with a silver cord. AUC is proud to recognize these individuals whose academic achievements, service to their communities, and overall fortitude have enhanced our learning environment and inspired their peers.

Academic Scholarship

Awarded to incoming students who have a strong overall undergraduate GPA and MCAT score.

Academic Merit Scholarship

Awarded to incoming students who have a strong overall undergraduate GPA and MCAT score.

Alumni Heritage Scholarship

Awarded to incoming students who have a work or volunteer history with an AUC graduate.

AUC/Mississippi College Partnership Scholarship

Awarded to incoming students who have graduated from Mississippi College's MS Biology program.

Canadian Scholarship

Awarded to incoming students who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents.

Career Commitment

Awarded to incoming students with a health related profession (i.e. E.M.T., chiropractor, pharmacist, nurse) for a minimum of two years.

Community Outreach Award

Awarded to incoming students who have shown exceptional dedication to their communities, hospitals, or charities.

Dean's Academic Scholarship

Awarded to incoming students with a strong overall undergraduate GPA and MCAT score.

Excellence scholarship

Awarded to incoming students who have a strong overall undergraduate GPA and MCAT score.

First Generation MD Award

Awarded to incoming students who strive to be a first generation physician within their family

International Scholarship

Awarded to incoming students who are residents of a country outside of the United States or Canada.

MERP Advancer Award

Awarded to students within the Medical Education Readiness Program (MERP) who excelled academically and emerged as leaders to their peers.

Social Accountability Award

Awarded to students who made significant contributions to the communities of Sint Maarten during their medical sciences education. The award is given to students in their third, fourth, or fifth semester.

Student Engagement Award

Awarded to students whose activities as part of the campus community helped to enhance and foster the AUC culture of collaboration. The award is given to students in their third, fourth, or fifth semester.

SXM Scholarship

Awarded to incoming students who are local citizens of St. Maarten.

Trustee's Academic Excellence Scholarship

Awarded to incoming students with high marks on the MCAT and who hold a strong overall undergraduate GPA.

EMPOWER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Empower Scholarship Fund Award: A blue and green cord worn over the neck is recognition of a recipient who has shown academic achievement and a dedicated desire to succeed. The cords represent commitment and perseverance in overcoming obstacles on the path to completing their degree. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 or higher must have been maintained to receive this scholarship award. The Empower Scholarship Fund Board of Directors and donors send their sincere congratulations to these remarkable graduates, and wish them continued success in their future endeavors.

Dr. Karl Stockhausen Memorial Scholarship

David Freeman

Patrick Pagador

Cole Uhland

American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine Scholarship

Tayo Akadiri

Sandra Al Tamimi

Jahanzeb Ashraf

Daniel Garcia

Macklin Loveland

Adrianna Mitchell

Alec Raniwsky

Jaskaran Sidhu

Brandon Tedder

Tina Tran

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2020 RESIDENCY PLACEMENTS

ANESTHESIOLOGY

Advocate Health Care, IL
County Health and Hospitals System, IL
Detroit Med Center/WSU, MI
West Virginia University SOM, WV

EMERGENCY MEDICINE

HCA Healthcare/USF Morsani GME-Brandon, FL
Health Quest, NY
Henry Ford Allegiance Health, MI
LSUHSC-Shreveport, LA
Mercy Health-St Ritas Medical Center, OH
Orange Park Medical Center, FL
Riverside Reg Medical Center, VA

FAMILY MEDICINE

AdventHealth Orlando, FL
Ascension GeneSystem Hospital, MI
Ascension Providence/MSUCHM, MI
Ascension St John Hospital, MI
Aurora St Luke’s Medical Center, WI
Baptist Health, AR
Baton Rouge Gen Medical Center, LA
Beaumont Health, MI
Borinquen Health Care Center, FL
Campbell University, NC
Center for Family Medicine, SD
Central Michigan University COM, MI
East Tennessee St University, TN
Eisenhower Medical Center, CA
Emanate Health, CA
Florida State University COM, FL
Franciscan Health Olympia Fields, IL
Geisinger Health System, PA

HCA Healthcare/USF Morsani GME-Oak Hill, FL
HCA Houston Healthcare/University Houston, TX
Health Quest, NY
Hilo Medical Center, HI
Institute for Family Health, NY
JFK Medical Center, NJ
Kaiser Permanente-Fontana, CA
Kaiser Permanente-Riverside, CA
Kettering Health Network, OH
McLaren Health Care Corp, MI
Medical College Wisconsin Affil Hospitals, WI
Medical College of Georgia, GA
Mercy Health System, WI
Mercy Medical Center-Des Moines, IA
Mountainside Hospital, NJ
Mt Sinai, IL
Northeast Georgia Medical Center, GA
Prisma Health-Upstate/University of SC SOM Greenville, SC
Providence St Peter Hospital, WA
Riverside Regional Medical Center, VA
Rush-Copley Mem Hospital, IL
SIU Decatur, IL
St Joseph Mercy-Livingston, MI
St Mary Mercy Hospital, MI
St Vincent Hospital Center, IN
Texas Tech University Affil-Permian Basin, TX
Tower Health/Drexel University COM, PA
Tuscaloosa College Comm Health Sciences, AL
University Illinois COM-Peoria UPHM, IL
University Miami/Jackson Health System, FL
University North Dakota SOM, ND
University South Alabama Hospitals, AL
University Tennessee Health Sci Center-Memphis, TN
University Texas Rio Grande Valley, TX

2020 RESIDENCY PLACEMENTS

University Wisconsin SOM and Public Health, WI
UAMS Regional Centers, AR
University of Missouri-KC Programs, KC
University of Wyoming-Cheyenne, WY
Virtua Family Med, NJ
Wheeling Hospital-WV, WV

GENERAL SURGERY

Ascension GeneSystem Hospital, MI
East Florida GME Consortium, FL
Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital, MI
Orange Park Medical Center, FL
St Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital, OH
Sunrise Health GME Consortium, NV
University Kentucky Medical Center, KY
University Miami/JFK Palm Beach GME Consortium, FL

INTERNAL MEDICINE

Abrazo Health Network, AZ
Ascension Providence/MSUCHM, MI
Aurora Health Care/ASMC, WI
Baton Rouge Gen Medical Center, LA
Berkshire Medical Center, MA
Broward Health Medical Center, FL
Christ Hospital, OH
Cone Health, NC
Creighton University Affil Hospitals, AZ
Detroit Medical Center/WSU, MI
East Florida GME Consortium, FL
Eisenhower Medical Center, CA
FAU-Schmidt COM, FL
Geisinger Health System, PA
Griffin Hospital, CT
HCA Healthcare/USF Morsani GME-Brandon, FL

HCA Healthcare/USF Morsani GME-Oak Hill, FL
HCA/USF Northside Hospital, FL
Henry Ford Allegiance Health, MI
Henry Ford Macomb Hospital, MI
HMHlisades Medical Center, NJ
Howard University Hospital, DC
Icahn SOM Queens Hospital, NY
Inspira Health Network, NJ
Kendall Regional Medical Center, FL
Kern Medical Center, CA
Kettering Health Network, OH
Merit Health Wesley, MS
Nassau University Medical Center, NY
Northeast Georgia Medical Center, GA
Norwalk Hospital, CT
NYP Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, NY
NYU Winthrop Hospital, NY
Palmetto General Hospital, FL
Riverside Community Hospital, CA
San Joaquin Gen Hospital, CA
Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, CA
SIU SOM & Affil Hospitals, IL
St Mary Medical Centernghorne, PA
Stamford Hospital/Columbia, CT
Sunrise Health GME Consortium, NV
SUNY HSC Brooklyn, NY
Trios Health, WA
UC San Francisco-Fresno, CA
UCF COM/GME Consortium, FL
University Arizona COM-South Campus, AZ
University Connecticut School of Medicine, CT
University Illinois COM-Peoria OSF, IL
University Miami/JFK Palm Beach GME Consortium, FL
University of Manitoba, MB

2020 RESIDENCY PLACEMENTS

University South Alabama Hospitals, AL
UPMC Mercy Hospital, PA
USF Citrus Memorial Hospital, FL
Valley Hospital Medical Centers Vegas, NV
Vidant Medical Center/East Carolina University, NC
Wayne State University SOM, MI
White River Health System, AR
Zucker SOM-Northwell Staten Island University, NY

MEDICINE-PEDIATRICS

LSU SOM-New Orleans, LA
University Kansas SOM, KS
University Hospitals-Columbia, MO
Western Michigan University Stryker SOM, MI

MEDICINE-PRELIMINARY

Cleveland Clinic Florida, FL
Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center, PA
MedStar Union Memorial Hospital, MD
Nassau University Medical Center, NY
Richmond University Medical Center, NY
St Marys Hospital, CT
SUNY HSC Brooklyn, NY
University South Alabama Hospitals, AL

MEDICINE-PRIMARY

SUNY HSC Brooklyn, NY
University Nevada Reno SOM, NV

MEDICINE-PSYCHIATRY

Vidant Medical Center/East Carolina University, NC

MED-PRELIM/NEUROLOGY

University Florida COM-Jacksonville, FL
SUNY Upstate Medical University, NY

NEUROLOGY

Detroit Medical Center/WSU, MI
University Arizona COM-Tucson, AZ
University South Florida Morsani COM-Tampa, FL

OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

Beaumont Health, MI
Memorial Healthcare System, FL
Nassau University Medical Center, NY

PATHOLOGY

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, CA
Loyola University Medical Center, IL
University Texas Southwestern Medical School-Dallas, TX

PEDIATRICS

Ascension St John Hospital, MI
Authority Health GME, MI
Broward Health Medical Center, FL
Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital, FL
Nassau University Medical Center, NY
St Josephs University Medical Center, NJ
St Vincent Hospital Center, IN
SUNY HSC Brooklyn, NY
Texas Tech University Affil-Lubbock, TX
University Arkansas COM-Little Rock, AR
University Kentucky Medical Center, KY
University Tennessee COM-Chattanooga, TN
University at Buffalo SOM, NY

2020 RESIDENCY PLACEMENTS

University Hospitals-Jackson, MS
University of Toledo, OH
Valley Children's Healthcare, CA
Western Michigan University Stryker SOM, MI

PSYCHIATRY

BronxCare Health System, NY
Charles R Drew University, CA
Kern Medical Center, CA
LewisGale Medical Center, VA
LSU SOM-New Orleans, LA
LSUHSC-Shreveport, LA
Nassau University Medical Center, NY
SIU SOM & Affil Hospitals, IL
University Illinois COM-Peoria UPHM, IL
University North Dakota SOM, ND
UnityPoint Broadlawns, IA
University of Virginia, VA
Westchester Medical Center, NY

RADIOLOGY-DIAGNOSTIC

Tulane University SOM, LA
University Arkansas COM-Little Rock, AR

SURGERY-PRELIMINARY

Ascension Providence/MSUCHM, MI
Detroit Medical Center/WSU, MI
FAU-Schmidt COM, FL
Florida Atlantic University-Boca Raton, FL
Hospital of the University of PA, PA
Nassau University Medical Center, NY
Riverside Community Hospital, CA

SURGERY-PRELIMINARY/ ANESTHESIOLOGY

St Joseph Mercy-Oakland, MI

TRANSITIONAL

Cape Fear Valley Health System, NC
Hemet Valley Medical Center, CA
Redmond Regional Medical Center, GA
UCF COM/GME Consortium, FL
University of Kentucky College of Medicine-Bowling Green, KY

DECLARATION OF GENEVA

The Declaration of Geneva was established by the World Medical Association (WMA) in 1948. It was a response to the crimes against humanity committed in the name of medical research at the hands of Nazi physicians during WWII. The Declaration affirmed **physicians’ commitment to the humanitarian goals of medicine** and was therefore intended as a modern version of the outdated Hippocratic Oath. Since 1948, the Declaration of Geneva has been amended several times to reflect the intricacies of medical practice in the present day

Adopted by the 2nd General Assembly of the World Medical Association, Geneva, Switzerland, September 1948 and amended by the 22nd World Medical Assembly, Sydney, Australia, August 1968 and the 35th World Medical Assembly, Venice, Italy, October 1983 and the 46th WMA General Assembly, Stockholm, Sweden, September 1994 and editorially revised at the 170th Council Session, Divonne-les-Bains, France, May 2005 and the 173rd Council Session, Divonne-les-Bains, France, May 2006

AT THE TIME OF BEING ADMITTED AS A MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION:

- I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE** to consecrate my life to the service of humanity;
- I WILL GIVE** to my teachers the respect and gratitude that is their due;
- I WILL PRACTISE** my profession with conscience and dignity;
- THE HEALTH OF MY PATIENT** will be my first consideration;
- I WILL RESPECT** the secrets that are confided in me, even after the patient has died;
- I WILL MAINTAIN** by all the means in my power, the honour and the noble traditions of the medical profession;
- MY COLLEAGUES** will be my sisters and brothers;
- I WILL NOT PERMIT** considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing or any other factor to intervene between my duty and my patient;
- I WILL MAINTAIN** the utmost respect for human life;
- I WILL NOT USE** my medical knowledge to violate human rights and civil liberties, even under threat;
- I MAKE THESE PROMISES** solemnly, freely and upon my honour.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME

Congratulations to our newest members of the AUC Alumni Association. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the start of your career in medicine. You have chosen a well-worn path — one that can be difficult, challenging and extremely rewarding. Your fellow alumni are here to provide support, encouragement and guidance.

When we started the AUC Alumni Association in 2004, our goal was to provide an informative resource and network for everyone. We strived to build an organization to honor AUC's unique heritage and foster lifelong connections and a spirit of loyalty and fraternity among graduates, students, faculty, staff and friends of the school.

We’re always searching for active and enthusiastic volunteers to join in assisting us with our goal, and we encourage you to become an active participant by contacting the Alumni Relations Office. You can also find a lot of helpful information by visiting our website at www.aucmed.edu/alumni.

As a new graduate, you are now a member of the AUC Alumni Association. We hope that you will embrace our mission of supporting the personal and professional development of AUC alumni, networking among graduates, and recognition of career achievement and distinguished service to the University. With your help, we will continue to promote AUC’s reputation as a quality teaching institution for future physicians.

Congratulations to the Class of 2019 & 2020

Sincerely,

The AUC Alumni Association Board of Directors

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SPECIAL THANKS

TO THE HEALTHCARE COMMUNITY

During this evolving public health crisis, we stand with all our students, our alumni and the entire healthcare community who are stepping forward when the world needs it most. We thank you for your service.

TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

Amuseum Naturalis at the Old House	Phillipsburg Jubilee Library
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Asha Stevens Hillside Christian School	Red Cross
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Lions Club of St. Maarten	TriSport
Mental Health Foundation	Tzu Chi Foundation
Milton Peters College	University of St. Martin
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TO OUR CLINICAL PARTNERS:

Ascension Providence Hospital, Southfield, MI
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Baton Rouge General Medical Center, Baton Rouge, LA
Brentwood Behavioral Health Co., Shreveport, LA
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Epsom Hospital, Surrey, UK
Flushing Hospital and Medical Center, Flushing, NY
Kern Medical Center, Bakersfield, CA
Mount Sinai Hospital, Chicago, IL
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Queens and King George's Hospital, Romford, UK
Royal Blackburn Hospital, Lancashire, UK
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St. Richards Hospital, Chichester, Sussex, UK
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Washington Adventist Hospital, Takoma Park, MD
Western Connecticut Health Network, Danbury, CT
Wexham Park Hospital, Berkshire, UK
Worthing Hospital, Sussex, UK

THE GENERATION NEW STATUS DRUM CORPS

The Generation New Status Drum Corps has been a part of the AUC Commencement tradition for many years. AUC has the pleasure of having this very talented group of young women and men delight our graduates and their families year after year, opening each ceremony with high intensity music and vibrant colored costumes, symbolic of our treasured island of Sint Maarten.

As we are all viewing this Commencement virtually, we are privileged to have the group's high-spirited sound open our ceremony, carrying on this special tradition and finding a way to bring Sint Maarten to you.

The Generation New Status Drum Corps led by Mr. Urmayn Dormoy is a youth drum band composed of children 5 to 16 years of age. Participation in the band teaches skills in drumming and performance, but perhaps more important, development of self-discipline, self-esteem, and teamwork as well as the value of education.

The band is active throughout the entire year, faithfully entertaining the community of Sint Maarten.



