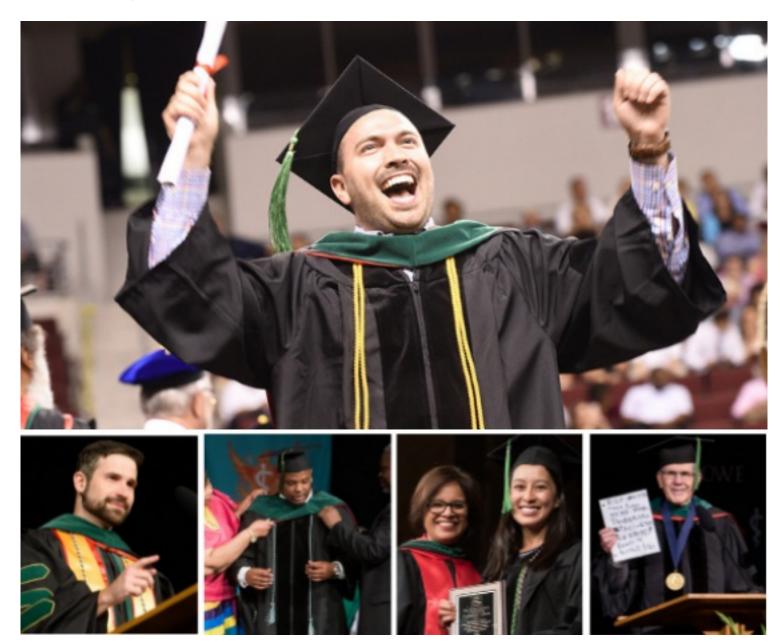
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### COM Celebrates Graduating Seniors – and their Educators

The UAMS College of Medicine graduated its largest class ever on May 18, but not before honoring their accomplishments and sending them on their way with some sage advice from college leaders and faculty mentors.

"This is my charge to you," said **Matthew Quick, M.D.**, Associate Professor of **Pathology**, who was selected by the Class of 2019 to deliver the keynote address from the faculty at Honors Convocation on the evening before the UAMS Commencement. "Keep it real, practice with passion, love your families and patients and stay true to yourself and your beliefs, and you will have the wonderful, fulfilling career in medicine that everyone in this room desires, hopes and prays that you will have."

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# **Leadership Appointments**

# Dr. Richard Turnage Named Executive Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs

**Richard H. Turnage, M.D., FACS**, a clinical and academic leader at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) for over a decade, has been named executive associate dean for clinical affairs in the UAMS College of Medicine.

"We are very pleased to have Dr. Turnage again leading clinical initiatives throughout our college," said UAMS Executive Vice Chancellor and COM Dean Christopher T. Westfall, M.D., FACS. "Richard brings exceptional expertise in clinical operations and a strong commitment to our integrated missions in education and research to this post."

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## Dr. Ashley Ross Invested in Walmart Endowed Chair in Neonatology at ACH

Arkansas Children's Hospital and UAMS celebrated the investiture of **Ashley Ross, M.D.**, associate professor and chief of the Neonatology Section, in the Walmart Endowed Chair in Neonatology on May 9 at ACH.

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## **Recent Grants**

Congratulations to the College of Medicine faculty members who received new extramural grants in April. This list, courtesy of the Office of the Executive Associate Dean for Research, excludes industry trials and awards under \$10,000.



John Arthur, MD., PhD., Department of Internal Medicine, KIDNEYcon 2019, NIH/Nat. Inst. of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Diseases (04/15/2019 - 04/14/2020), \$14,953.



**Clint Kilts, PhD.**, Department of **Psychiatry**, Translational Training in Addiction, NIH/Nat. Inst. on Drug Abuse (07/01/2019 – 06/30/2024), \$2,062,562.

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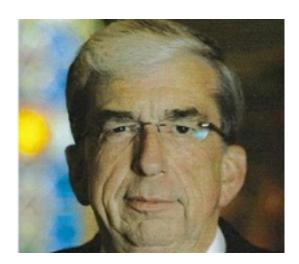
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## **In Memoriam**



**Rudolph "Terry" Pivik, Ph.D.**, a Professor of **Pediatrics** and longtime Director of the Brain Function Laboratory in the Arkansas Children's Nutrition Center, died May 10.
Read more in the <u>In Memoriam</u> section of Inside UAMS.

**David Moody Moore Jr.**, Associate Administrator of Patient Care for **Radiology**, MRI and PET facilities, who served at UAMS for 50 years, died May 4. Read more in the <u>In Memoriam</u> section of UAMS.



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Have you read the latest Accolades from Dean **Christopher T. Westfall, M.D.**? The weekly email highlights recent honors and accomplishments of COM faculty, staff, residents and students. You can also <u>read Accolades here</u>. If you know someone who deserves a shout-out, send your ideas to Dr. Westfall via <u>COM Internal Communications</u>!

# These UAMS team members and students were named in Accolades May 1-22:

Alice Alexander Elena Ambrogini Ashley Antipolo **Dennis Armstrong Omar Atiq** Caroline Barham C. Lowry Barnes Rick Barr Jared Beavers Karl Boehme Kesley Brown Martin Cannon Mikaila Calcagni Jason Chang Heeiung Choi Parimal Chowdhury Shelley Crary **David Davies** Austin DeHart Rhonda Dick Alan Diekman Paul Drew Stanley Ellis

Hari Eswaran
Jordan Fielding
Christopher Flud
Vicki Flynn
Rachael Freeze-Ramsey
Edgar Garcia-Rill
Jerad Gardner
Kristin Garner
Molly Gathright
Masil George
Santiago Gonzalez
Johnathan Goree

James Graham Sarah Greenberger Robert Griffin Sue Griffin Kristie Hadden Larry Hartzell Ronda Henry-Tillman Curran Henson Blake Hollowoa Antonio Howard Teresa Hudson Jennifer Hunt Stacie Jones Se-Ran Jun Ha-neui Kim Sajni Kumpuris Richard Kurten

Kristen Lienhart lia Liu Jimmy Magee Anusha Majagi Michael Mancino Spyridoula Maraka John Martindale Robin McAtee Theresa McClung Priya Mendiratta **Erick Messias** Jill Mhyre Rebecca Moreira John Musser Charles O'Brien Eddie Ochoa

Kevin Phelan

Heidi Prince

Larry Quang Matthew Quick Sung Rhee Gloria Richard-Davis Gresham Richter Analiz Rodriguez Ashley Ross **Brian Russ** Christine Rutlen **Bob Saylors** Steve Schexnayder Angie Scott **Kevin Sexton** Mark Smeltzer John Spollen Laura Spradley Brendan Stack Kandi Stallings-Archer Matthew Steliga Jason Stumhofer James Suen Lindsey Sward Puru Thapa Tyler Thompson Carol Thrush Leah Tobey Zulema Udaondo

Zulema Udaondo Sami Uwaydat Judith Weber Sharanda Williams Jinhu Xiong Amanda Young Feliciano "Pele" Yu

#### These COM departments were represented in Accolades May 1-22:

Anesthesiology Biochemistry/Molecular Biology Biomedical Informatics Emergency Medicine Family/Preventive Medicine Geriatrics

Internal Medicine Medical Humanities

Medicine

Microbiology/Immunology

Neurobiology/Developmental Sciences

Neurology Neurosurgery Obstetrics/Gynecology Ophthalmology Orthopaedic Surgery

Otolaryngology-Head/Neck Surgery

Pathology Pediatrics

Pharmacology/Toxicology Physical Medicine/Rehabilitation

Physiology/Biophysics

Psychiatry

Radiation Oncology

Surgery

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