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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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In the Spotlight



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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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 [In Memoriam](#) 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 [In Memoriam](#) 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 [read Accolades here](#). If you know someone who deserves a shout-out, send your ideas to Dr. Westfall via [COM Internal Communications](#)!

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

Alice Alexander	James Graham	Larry Quang
Elena Ambrogini	Sarah Greenberger	Matthew Quick
Ashley Antipolo	Robert Griffin	Sung Rhee
Dennis Armstrong	Sue Griffin	Gloria Richard-Davis
Omar Atiq	Kristie Hadden	Gresham Richter
Caroline Barham	Larry Hartzell	Analiz Rodriguez
C. Lowry Barnes	Ronda Henry-Tillman	Ashley Ross
Rick Barr	Curran Henson	Brian Russ
Jared Beavers	Blake Hollowo	Christine Rutlen
Karl Boehme	Antonio Howard	Bob Saylor
Kesley Brown	Teresa Hudson	Steve Schexnayder
Martin Cannon	Jennifer Hunt	Angie Scott
Mikaila Calcagni	Stacie Jones	Kevin Sexton
Jason Chang	Se-Ran Jun	Mark Smeltzer
Heejung Choi	Ha-neui Kim	John Spollen
Parimal Chowdhury	Sajni Kumpuris	Laura Spradley
Shelley Crary	Richard Kurten	Brendan Stack
David Davies	Kristen Lienhart	Kandi Stallings-Archer
Austin DeHart	Jia Liu	Matthew Steliga
Rhonda Dick	Jimmy Magee	Jason Stumhofer
Alan Diekman	Anusha Majagi	James Suen
Paul Drew	Michael Mancino	Lindsey Sward
Stanley Ellis	Spyridoula Maraka	Puru Thapa
Hari Eswaran	John Martindale	Tyler Thompson
Jordan Fielding	Robin McAtee	Carol Thrush
Christopher Flud	Theresa McClung	Leah Tobey
Vicki Flynn	Priya Mendiratta	Zulema Udaondo
Rachael Freeze-Ramsey	Erick Messias	Sami Uwaydat
Edgar Garcia-Rill	Jill Mhyre	Judith Weber
Jerad Gardner	Rebecca Moreira	Sharanda Williams
Kristin Garner	John Musser	Jinhu Xiong
Molly Gathright	Charles O'Brien	Amanda Young
Masil George	Eddie Ochoa	Feliciano "Pele" Yu
Santiago Gonzalez	Kevin Phelan	
Johnathan Goree	Heidi Prince	

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

Anesthesiology	Obstetrics/Gynecology
Biochemistry/Molecular Biology	Ophthalmology
Biomedical Informatics	Orthopaedic Surgery
Emergency Medicine	Otolaryngology-Head/Neck Surgery
Family/Preventive Medicine	Pathology
Geriatrics	Pediatrics
Internal Medicine	Pharmacology/Toxicology
Medical Humanities	Physical Medicine/Rehabilitation
Medicine	Physiology/Biophysics
Microbiology/Immunology	Psychiatry
Neurobiology/Developmental Sciences	Radiation Oncology
Neurology	Surgery
Neurosurgery	

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