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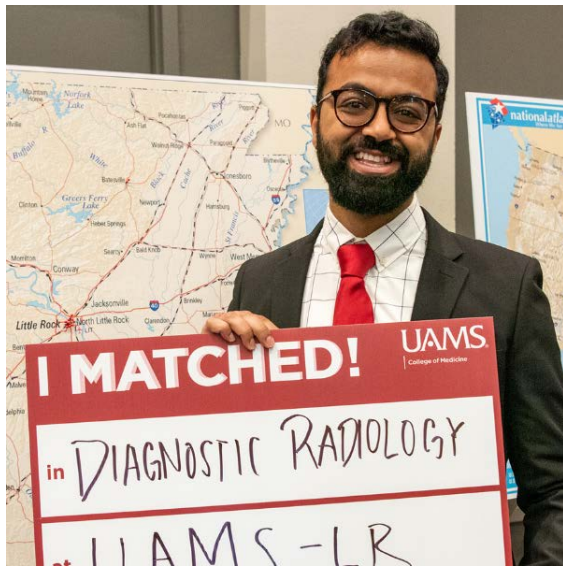
## WHAT A MATCH!

The Class of 2023 will head to outstanding residency programs in Arkansas and 29 other states this summer. Seniors celebrated Match Day in Fayetteville (*above*) and Little Rock (*at right/below*).

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## In the Spotlight

**Mark your Calendar for the Dean's Honor Day Ceremony!**

**DEAN'S  
HONOR  
DAY**

**TUESDAY  
APRIL 25  
4:00 PM**

Fred Smith Auditorium  
12th floor, Stephens Spine Institute

The College of Medicine will honor exemplary faculty and staff at the 2023 Dean's Honor Day Ceremony on **Tuesday, April 25**. In addition to presenting prestigious annual awards, we will pay tribute to faculty who are receiving promotion and/or tenure this year. The ceremony is from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in Fred Smith Auditorium, 12th floor of the Stephens Spine Institute. A reception will follow the ceremony.

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## New Faculty





**Akrm Abdalrahman, M.D., M.S.**, has joined the Department of **Anesthesiology** as an Assistant Professor and critical care anesthesiologist.

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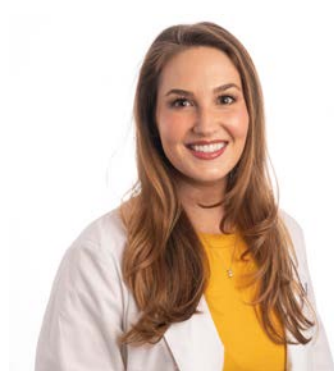
**Mamatha Gaddam, M.D.**, has joined the Department of **Internal Medicine** as an Assistant Professor in the Division of **Hematology/Oncology**.

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**Nasir Khan, M.D.**, has rejoined the Department of **Internal Medicine** as an Assistant Professor and transplant nephrologist in the Division of **Nephrology**.

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**Morgan Knight, M.D.**, has joined the Department of **Obstetrics and Gynecology** as an Assistant Professor in the Division of **General OB/GYN**.

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## Recent Grants

### Extramural Awards

*Congratulations to College of Medicine faculty members who received new extramural research grants in February. This list, courtesy of the Office of the Executive Associate Dean for Research, excludes clinical trials and awards under \$10,000, as well as grants we have previously reported and those highlighted above.*

**Chia Lee, Ph.D.**, Department of **Microbiology and Immunology**, Modulation of Agr system by ClpC chaperone in *S. aureus*, NIH/Nat. Inst. Of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, (2/28/2023-2/28/2025), \$382,500.

**Joonas Jamsen, Ph.D.**, Department of **Biochemistry and Molecular Biology**, The Molecular Architecture of Oxidative Stress Induced Double Strand Break Repair, NIH/Nat. Inst. Of Environmental Health Sciences, (3/8/2023-2/28/2026), \$249,000.

**Tuhin Virmani, M.D., Ph.D.**, Department of **Neurology**, Huntington's Disease Society of America Center of Excellence 2023, Huntington's Disease Society of America, (2/1/2023-12/31/2023), \$19,987.

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## Accolades



Have you read the latest *Accolades* from Interim Dean Dr. G. Richard Smith? 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 [COM Internal Communications](#).

**UAMS team members and students named in Accolades this month:**

Amit Agarwal	Lee Isaac	Fred Prior
Zain Alfaneek	Anu Iyer	Paula Roberson
Jason Arthur	Sarah Jong	Valarie Robinson
Swetha Atluri	Kyle Kalkwarf	Michael Rutherford
Lowry Barnes	Robert Kiss	Zia Siddiqui
Sally Barnes	Garrett Klutts	Ahmed Sallam
Anna Benafield	Savana Kuhn	Joseph Sanford
Ariel Berlinski	Gary Lewis	Carina Sanvicente
Elisabet Børsheim	Riley Lipschitz	Kevin Sexton
Charles Bower	Nicholas Long	Vivian Shi
Aliza Brown	John Lowery	Eric Siegel
Savannah Busch	Joana Mack	Laura Sisterhen
Mallory Caldwell	Issam Makhoul	Robert Skinner
Joseph Chacko	Shelli Madison	Andrew Smedley
Gwen Childs	Nirvana Manning	Alleigh Stahman
Aric Clegg	Kate Marino	Jeffrey Stambough
Karina Clemmons	Bradley Martin	Kate Stambough
Carolina Coleman	Jade Matthews	Kendall Stanford
Shannon Coleman	Kristen McAllister	Matt Steliga
Lawrence Cornett	Sophie Meyers	Kristen Stringfellow
William Culp	Jill Mhyre	Bailey Sutliff
Joe DeLoach	Laura Miron	James Suen
Paul Drew	Jason Muesse	Alan Tackett
Lisa Evans	Caleb Nissen	Blaire Taggart
Ekaterina Galanzha	Eylem Öcal	Leah Tobey
Corey Hayes	Sanjeeva Onteddu	Khiem Tran
Cade Haynie	Kayla Perry	Aravindhan Veerapandiyan
Lindsey Herberger	Patrick Phelan	Tuhin Virmani
Laura Hobart-Porter	Paul Phillips	Jasna Vuk
Laura Hollenbach	Anna Claire Pilkington	Brandi Whitaker
Laurence Howe	Caitlin Price	Vladimir Zharov
Laura Hutchins		

**COM departments represented in Accolades this month:**

Anesthesiology	Obstetrics/Gynecology
Biochemistry/Molecular Biology	Ophthalmology
Biomedical Informatics	Orthopaedic Surgery
Biostatistics	Otolaryngology-Head/Neck Surgery
Dermatology	Pediatric/Special Needs Dentistry
Geriatrics	Pediatrics
Internal Medicine	Psychiatry
Medical Humanities/Bioethics	Physiology/Cell Biology
Neurobiology/Developmental Sciences	Radiation Oncology
Neurology	Radiology
Neurosurgery	Surgery

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## In Memoriam

**David A. Lipschitz, M.D., Ph.D.**



**Dr. David A. Lipschitz**, who served on the faculty from 1978-2008, was the inaugural Director of the **Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging**, and one of the most recognized geriatricians in the nation, died on March 6. Dr. Lipschitz led the development of a statewide network for geriatric care. He became an author, international lecturer, newspaper columnist and host of an award-winning PBS television series.

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