

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE



Senior **Honors Convocation** Class of 2023



From the Deans

We are proud of your accomplishments and wish you success and happiness as you enter the next stage of your professional lives. You are talented and will contribute greatly to the health and well being of society. While students in the College of Medicine, you have grown in knowledge and skill, and have matured into physicians. The College has tried to keep pace, growing both better and larger. Our hope is that you will hone your skills, maintain your sense of wonder and compassion, embark on a career dedicated to lifelong learning, meet the needs of your patients first, and continue to enjoy this wonderful profession of medicine. Congratulations and good luck.

HONORS CONVOCATION

Introductions. James Graham, M.D.
Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Welcome Cam Patterson, M.D., MBA
Chancellor, UAMS

Welcome Rick Smith, M.D.
Executive Vice Chancellor, UAMS
Dean, College of Medicine

Address to the Class Lindsey Sward, M.D.
Assistant Dean for Clinical Education
Associate Professor of OB/GYN

Response from the Class. Ethan Clement

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND GIFTS

• Golden Apple Awards Micah Bowling
2023 Class President

Four awards will be presented, two to the outstanding teachers in the preclinical years, as selected by vote of the current freshman and sophomore medical students, and two to the outstanding teachers in the clinical years, as selected by vote of the current junior and senior medical students.

• Resident of the Year. Ples Spradley, M.D.
Department of Internal Medicine

Student Awards from the College of Medicine:

• Faculty Key. Kyle Jackson

Awarded to the graduating senior who, in the opinion of the full-time faculty, is the single most outstanding student for the full four-year period of study. Criteria include scholarship, inquiry, initiative, leadership, ethical standards, and other personal qualifications.

• Senior Buchanan Key. Katherine Beaton

Awarded to a top student in the senior year as determined by vote of the class, using a roster of candidates with superior academic achievement.

• Winston K. Shorey Award Ethan Clement
Anna Mears

Awarded to the graduating senior who, in the view of classmates, most closely reflects the qualities of an ideal physician in such characteristics as compassion, warmth and kindness.

• Roberts Key Rebekah Langston

Awarded to the graduating senior with the highest scholastic grade point average for the full four years of medical school.

Student Awards from Departments and Groups:

- Marie Wilson Howells Medical Student Award Caitlin Caperton
Awarded by the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science to a senior student who has performed at the highest level in the Department over the four-year curriculum.
- Richard V. Ebert Award Clark Kennedy
Awarded by the Department of Internal Medicine to a senior student who has been a superior student in internal medicine and who shows promise of making significant contributions to medicine in the future.
- Susan Campbell Rector Memorial Scholarship. Megan Young
Awarded to the most outstanding senior female medical student who has chosen obstetrics and gynecology for a medical career.
- Family Practice Award Erica Casey
Awarded by the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine to a senior student for special achievement.
- W.T. Dungan Award Paige Jones-Brooks
Sammie James
Awarded by the Department of Pediatrics to a senior student who has excelled in pediatric medicine and has demonstrated interest in all aspects of the work for the welfare of children.
- George F. Stroope Award Katie Beaton
Andrew Campbell
Presented annually to a senior student pursuing a career in pediatrics at UAMS who achieved the highest academic standing in pediatrics during their junior year
- Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award Teresa Fletchinger
Awarded by the Department of Emergency Medicine to a senior student who has demonstrated excellence in emergency medicine.
- Calvin J. Dillaha Award Alyson Mckinnon
Presented annually by the Department of Dermatology to the most outstanding student in the senior dermatology elective.
- SNMA Award Paige Jones-Brooks
Awarded by the Student National Medical Association to a graduating senior for outstanding achievement.
- Harold H. Hedges, M.D. Award Erica Casey
Jessica Snelgrove
Molly Bowers
Awarded to a medical student at UAMS who matches with the Little Rock Family Medicine Residency program and one to a student matching in any Family Medicine residency program.
- Edward Forrest Ellis Award Michaela Seltzer
Awarded by the Department of Surgery to the senior student showing the most promise in that field.
- Tricia Edstrom UAMS Northwest Award for Academic Excellence. Alexandra Diaz-Cruz
Given to the UAMS Northwest senior student who, according to peers and preceptors, made the greatest academic contribution while training at the UAMS Northwest campus.
- POM Leadership in Clinical Education Award Paige Jones-Brooks
Goes to an M4 who has exhibited leadership and strong commitment to the success of the Practice of Medicine (POM) courses and the students in the M1 & M2 years.

• Hooding of the Class Sara Tariq, M.D.
Associate Dean of Student Affairs
Professor of Internal Medicine

Alan Diekman, Ph.D.
Professor of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

*Administration of the
Oath of Hippocrates*

I do solemnly swear by all those things I hold most sacred that I will lead my life and practice this art in uprightness and honor; That I will be loyal to the practice of medicine and just and generous to its members; That into whatsoever house I shall enter, it shall be for the good of the sick to the utmost of my power, holding myself far aloof from wrong, from corruption, from the tempting of others to vice; That I will exercise my art solely for the betterment and cure of my patients and will give no drug, perform no operation, for a criminal purpose even if solicited, far less suggest it; That whatsoever I shall see or hear of the lives of men and women which is not fitting to be spoken, I will keep inviolably secret. If I be true to this oath, may a full life and good repute be ever my fortune; with the respect of all good persons, in all times. But should I trespass and violate this oath, may the reverse be my lot!

Recessional

Will the audience please remain seated during the recessional

Assisting with Honors Convocation

Stage Marshal David Davies, Ph.D.
Professor, Dept of Neurobiology and Developmental Sciences

Faculty Marshal Kevin Phelan, Ph.D.
Professor, Dept of Neurobiology and Developmental Sciences

Award Assistant and Announcer Sharanda Williams, MA
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Diversity

ACADEMIC HONORS

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society

Austin Aquino
Natalie Tate Austin
Katherine Marie Beaton
Andrew Craig Campbell
Morgan Henderson Campbell
Ethan Tregear Chernivec
Tommy Christensen
Logan Garrett Clay
Teresa Fletchinger Crow
Bailee Ann Cummings
Andrew Chase Daugherty
Devin Alan Dupree
Mallory Elizabeth Heft
Christine Annie Hsu
Micah Lyn Huckabee
Kyle Everett Jackson
Sammie Turner James III
Emma Margaret Johnson
Clark McAlister Kennedy
Kori Lynne Kornet
Rebekah Langston
Zachary Allan McConnell
Alyson Cole McKinnon
Caleb James Nissen
Natalie Elise Phelan
Hunter Rose
Michaela Rose Seltzer
Austin Glenn Squires
Manasa Veluvolu

Honors in Underserved Primary Care

Andrew Craig Campbell
Morgan Henderson Campbell
Alexandra D. Cruz

Honors In Research

Zainab Atiq
Joshua Ward Bennett
Micah Adam Bowling
Samuel Eric Byrd
Andrew Craig Campbell
Morgan Henderson Campbell
Caitlin Olivia Caperton
Mattison Dean Cato
Muhammad Z. Chauhan
Thomas Heath Christensen

John Patrick Coleman
Teresa Fletchinger Crow
Bailee Ann Cummings
Sidhant Singh Dalal
Dhruba Dasgupta
Michael Gary Dasso
Alanna M. Davis
Joey Dean
Chynna Cayper Caitlyn Denham
Parth P. Desai
Devin Alan Dupree
Ethan Joseph Echols
Grayson Tyler Glenn
Tyler Graham
Mallory Elizabeth Heft
David Simmons Henry
Sawyer Adam Hickey
Sarah Elizabeth McKenzie Hill
Cole M. Howie
Christine Annie Hsu
John Hewett Hunton
Sammie Turner James III
Emma Margaret Johnson
Delice Kayishunge
Clark McAlister Kennedy
Chandler Grant Kern
Kori Lynne Kornet
Rebekah G. Langston
Kristin Larsen
Hannah Loy
Nicolas Katkhordeh Maynard
Zachary McConnell
Alyson Cole McKinnon
Anna Marie Mears
John Edward Merten
Caleb James Nissen
Alexandra Grace Otwell
Carter Miquel Pacheco
Natalie Elise Phelan
Michael Scott Powell
Patricia Ahitziri Ramos
Calvin Tyler Ratliff
Lauren Elizabeth Roeder
Hunter Rose
Lelia Faith Johnson Rosenkrans
Jonathon Dean Ross
Mason Andrew Rostollan
Kiley Rochelle Schlortt

Michaela Rose Seltzer
Jessica Blair Campbell Sifford
Mason Charles Sifford
Chelsea Lauren Smith
Micah Huckabee Smith
Sara Jean Sustich
Julienne Grace Thomas
Manasa Veluvolu
Zackary Kyle Wary
Jedidiah Coy Whitt
Taylor Drew Wilson

Honors In Finance

John Patrick Coleman
Christine Annie Hsu
Carter Miquel Pacheco

Honors In Global Health And Community Service

Katherine Marie Beaton
Christine Annie Hsu
Nadia Mina Kyerewah Okoree-Siaw
Carter Miquel Pacheco
Kyle William Peterson
Michael Scott Powell
Manasa Veluvolu
Conner Darrell Webb

Honors In Pediatrics

Christine Annie Hsu
Sydney Paige Rogers
Chelsea Lauren Smith
Sara Jean Sustich



Class Officers

President	Micah Bowling
Vice Presidents	Sammie James Benjamin Blaske
Secretary	Miracline Ebijoyeldhas
Treasurer	Ethan Chernivec
Curriculum Committee Rep	Dhaval Shah

*“To prevent disease, to relieve suffering and to heal the sick –
this is our work.”*

Sir William Osler

Chosen Specialties

Anesth	Ortho .....	.9	.5
Child Neuro	Otolaryngology .....	.0	.0
Derm	Pathology .....	.2	.4
EM	Pediatr .....	.8	.10
FM	Physical Med. ....	.21	.4
IM	Psych .....	.34	.13
Med Peds	Radiology .....	.4	.6
Med Prelim	Surgery general .....	.1	.10
Neurology	surgery Prelim .....	.2	.3
Neurosurgery	thoracic .....	.2	.0
OBGYN	Transitional .....	.7	.2
Ophthal	Urology .....	.1	.2

Number of residencies out of state..... 84

Number of residencies in Arkansas..... 69

College of Medicine Academic Houses

The COM Academic House program was established in 2016 in an effort to promote student success and wellness, and strengthen faculty-student relationships. UAMS has created 7 academic houses, which include medical students and faculty, who spend time mentoring, sharing ideas and enjoying each other's company. The Houses are named after luminaries who contributed to improving the health of Arkansans:

The Lowe House

Dr. Betty Ann Lowe developed Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock (Pulaski County) into a nationally known, competitive hospital by acting as an advocate, enlisting the help of a famous family, procuring state funding, and adding new, innovative departments. In addition to being a prominent figure in Arkansas pediatrics, she became the first Arkansan to become a pediatric rheumatologist. She was a fierce advocate for children and an inspiring mentor for our students.

The Beall House

Ms. Ruth Olive Beall was superintendent of Arkansas Children's Hospital and Home from 1934 to 1961. She was largely responsible for the hospital's survival during the financial difficulties of the Great Depression and for its expansion and improvement in the following years. Beall was concerned not only for people who suffered from tuberculosis but also for people who lived in poverty. At her own expense, she provided toothbrushes and toothpaste to children she met while traveling to rural schools throughout the county and taught children how to use them.

The Tank House

Dr. Patrick Tank received his Ph.D. in anatomy at the University of Michigan. He joined the College of Medicine faculty in 1978. Dr. Tank rose through the ranks of what is now the Department of Neurobiology and Developmental Sciences. He directed the Medical Gross Anatomy course and the Anatomical Gift Program for 27 years. More than 4,000 future physicians studied the intricacies of the human body with Dr. Tank, benefiting tremendously from his expertise and his passion for teaching. He received numerous teaching awards. He was a pioneer in web-based medical education in the 1990s. More recently, Dr. Tank was internationally known as the editor of three editions of "Grant's Dissector."

The Abernathy House

Dr. Robert S. Abernathy has been called the "ultimate university citizen" by UAMS leaders and colleagues in appreciation of nearly 50 years of service to the campus. Abernathy, along with his wife, Dr. Rosalind Abernathy, arrived in 1957, when he was recruited from the University of Minnesota to the Department of Internal Medicine. Ten years later he was named department Chairman, a post he held for a decade. Dr. Abernathy directed the Division of Infectious Diseases after his term as Chairman, and he retired in 2002. In honor of Dr. Abernathy's dedication to Internal Medicine, the Arkansas Chapter of the American College of Physicians named its annual laureate award after the highly respected physician and leader. Dr. Abernathy trained many of the state's physicians, educators and leaders in internal medicine and public health with warmth, kindness and compassion.

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The Ish House

George William Stanley Ish was a prominent Black physician in Little Rock (Pulaski County) who cared for citizens of the capital city and overcame much adversity to achieve his position in this state. He graduated from Harvard Medical School and was instrumental in founding both United Friends Hospital and the J. E. Bush Memorial Hospital, primary centers for the medical care of black patients. He was also largely responsible for the inception of the McRae Memorial Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Alexander, the state's separate black sanatorium. He served as a staff member at predominantly white hospitals in Little Rock. Physicians of all races held him in the highest regard for his vision, his compassion and tenacity.

The Compton House

Neil Ernest Compton of Bentonville (Benton County) was a physician of obstetrics by profession and a conservationist by avocation. He is widely recognized as the founder of the Ozark Society to Save the Buffalo River, which he and his associates initiated in 1962, at a meeting in Fayetteville (Washington County). Today, it is known as the Ozark Society, Inc. Its original goal was to stop the construction of two proposed U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dams on the Buffalo River. Dr. Compton was passionate advocate for preserving the beauty of our state.

The Bruce House

Dr. Thomas A. Bruce served as Dean of the UAMS College of Medicine (COM), Inaugural Dean (Dean pro tem) of the College of Public Health (COPH) and Dean pro tem of the Clinton School of Public Service. He also served as the first Director of the COPH Office of Community-based Public Health. Those at UAMS and in the greater medical and public health community who were fortunate to know Dr. Bruce remember him as a true friend, champion and visionary. Dr. Bruce has been described as a truly unique and wonderful “renaissance man” who had unbounded compassion. He was not only known for his leadership and philanthropy, but his wise words, kindness and humility.

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Stephen James Aguilar

I want to thank my family for all the encouragement and support they have given me through medical school. Thank you, Sophie, for always being there for me and pushing me to become the best person I can be. Your love and care for me has meant much more than I could ever hope to express. I love you all.



**U Arkansas COM-Little Rock, Internal Medicine,
LITTLE ROCK, AR**

Derek Alik

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**Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, Internal Medicine,
HONOLULU, HI**

Nathaniel Adam Andress

Let us be thankful for the fools. But for them the rest of us could not succeed." -Mark Twain I'm incredibly grateful to any 'fool' who has put up with me in the last 27 years. My future patients and I have all of you to thank. On to the next one.



**U Arkansas COM-Little Rock,
Internal Medicine, LITTLE
ROCK, AR**

Austin Aquino

Thank you to my family and friends who believed in me. Thank you to my wife, Makenzie. You'll never fully know much I admire you as a person. Thank you for letting me be who I am and always staying confident in my abilities during the times I wasn't. Shout out to Abel & Annabelle for making me take breaks when I didn't know I needed them.



**U Kentucky Med Ctr, Anesthesiology,
LEXINGTON, KY**

Forrest William Arnold

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**UAMS Regional Centers-AR, Internal Medicine,
FAYETTEVILLE, AR**

Zainab Omar Atiq

Thank you Ami, Baba, Abu Gee, Osman, Mohammad, Saad, and Yoshi. Thank you to my sisters, Sufi, extended family, friends who have become family, and every mentor, kind face, and lesson along the way. To my loved ones whom I wish I could celebrate with today. To Clara. You all remind me of who I am when I need it most. I hope I make you proud as I work to pay it forward. ☐☐



**Cleveland Clinic Fdn-OH, Internal Medicine,
CLEVELAND, OH**

Natalie Tate Austin

Thank you to all of my family and friends who have loved and supported me throughout these four years and before. There are far too many of you to name. Thank you, Mom and Dad. Thank you, Granny. Thank you, Mawmaw. Thank you, Rick and Debbie. Most of all, thank you Devon and Tate. The past few years have been so much better with you both by my side!



**U Arkansas COM-Little Rock, Internal Medicine,
LITTLE ROCK, AR**

Thomas Banh

Thank you to all my mentors and friends. Most importantly, thank you mom and dad. You guys mean the world to me.

Baptist Health-AR, Internal Medicine, N. LITTLE ROCK, AR



Joshua Ward Bennett

Thank you to my parents, your guidance and assurance shaped me into who I am and inspired me to be all I can be; to my grandparents, your advice and encouragement drove me to serve others and allowed me to reach for the stars; and to my wife Morgan, your loving support kept me going when the going got hard, I truly couldn't have done it without you. Here's to what's to come! – Joshua 1:9

Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System, Surgery-Preliminary, SPARTANBURG, SC



Vanessa E. Bastidas

Thank you to my mom, dad, and brother for your unwavering love and support. I feel so blessed for these years we've spent together. You've made me a better doctor and I'm so grateful that you've been a part of my journey! Los amo! Thank you to my friends and extended family, near and far, for being there for me and always believing in me. Abrazos y besos a todos!! <3

Scripps Mercy Hosp-Chula Vista-CA, Family Medicine, CHULA VISTA, CA



Benjamin Kristian Blaske

I would like to thank the endless support from my friends and family throughout the medical school journey. It was not an easy path with many trials and tribulations. I am truly grateful for my time at UAMS and for the incredible mentors I've met along the way.

U Arkansas COM-Little Rock, Internal Medicine, LITTLE ROCK, AR



Katherine Marie Beaton

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U Arkansas COM-Little Rock, Pediatrics, LITTLE ROCK, AR



Karime Nazareth Bolivar

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U Washington Affil Hosps, Family Medicine, SEATTLE, WA



Alexandria Beebe

There is no discovery without risk and what you risk reveals what you value." – Jeanette Winterson

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U Arkansas COM-Little Rock, Internal Medicine, LITTLE ROCK, AR



Molly Marie Bowers

Special thanks to my husband, Eric, for supporting me and keeping me sane throughout this crazy journey! Thanks to my mom for being my role model and the one who sparked my love for medicine. Thank you to all of my family and friends for their unrelenting support. I wouldn't be here without them and the grace of God. Can't wait to see what He has in store for my future

Baptist Health-AR, Family Medicine, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR



Micah Adam Bowling

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U Arkansas COM-Little Rock, Radiation Oncology, LITTLE ROCK, AR



Andrew Craig Campbell

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U Michigan Hosps-Ann Arbor, Medicine-Pediatrics, ANN ARBOR, MI

Cameron M. Brownlee

Thank you to my fiancé Calie, family, and friends for supporting me in this challenging journey through medical school. A special thanks to my grandfather for the exemplary example he set for me and for encouraging me to pursue medicine. Their love and encouragement have motivated me to become an outstanding physician. Lastly and most importantly, I know that my achievements are only possible through our loving and faithful God.



Morgan Henderson Campbell

"First, I want to praise my Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, for walking with us through this joyous journey and giving us purpose in this life. Second, thank you to my supportive, kind, brilliant husband, Andrew, for motivating me and making these last four years an absolute adventure. Third, thank you to our steadfast, loving, big-hearted family who takes care of us and serves as the backbone behind everything we do.



U Michigan Hosps-Ann Arbor, Neurology, ANN ARBOR, MI

U Iowa Hosps and Clinics, Internal Medicine, IOWA CITY, IA

Brian Heath Bumpous

To my biggest fan, Mom, thank you for your unconditional love, support, and being the greatest example of how to love others and work hard. Buddy, thank you for teaching, loving, and accepting me as your own. To my Granny's, I will carry your love and compassion with me to every patient I see. My friends, thank y'all for accepting me and giving me some of the best memories of my life. I love y'all!



Caitlin Olivia Caperton

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U Arkansas COM-Little Rock, Psychiatry, LITTLE ROCK, AR

Medical University of SC, Anesthesiology, CHARLESTON, SC

Samuel Eric Byrd

Dear friends and family, I can't thank you enough for your support during medical school. Your humor, hugs, and caffeine kept me going when I wanted to give up. Your unwavering belief in me helped me persevere through the toughest of times. Now that I'm a doctor, I promise to prescribe laughter and smiles. Thank you for being my rock.



Colin Jackson Carr

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UAMS Regional Centers-AR, Internal Medicine, FAYETTEVILLE, AR

U Arkansas COM-Little Rock, General Surgery, LITTLE ROCK, AR

Erica Casey

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CoxHealth-MO, Family Medicine, SPRINGFIELD, MO

Mattison Dean Cato

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U Texas Southwestern Med Sch-Dallas, Obstetrics-Gynecology, DALLAS, TX

Chase Hunter Chapman

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**Muhammad Z. Chauhan**

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Univ of Arkansas College of Med, Ophthalmology, Little Rock AR

Ethan Tregear Chernivec

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Indiana University SOM, General Surgery, INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Thomas Heath Christensen

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Rutgers-New Jersey Medical School, Orthopaedic Surgery, NEWARK, NJ

Logan Garrett Clay

"I would like to thank my family and friends for their encouragement and support throughout this journey. It has been a long road, and I know that I could not have done it without each of you. Thank you to my parents for pushing me to achieve and providing the tools to do so. A tremendous thank you to my wife, you have been a rock, and I look forward to all our future adventures."



U Kansas SOM-Kansas City, Psychiatry, KANSAS CITY, KS

Ethan Muriah Clement

I'm honored be Dr. Clement and bear the name of the family who has worked as hard as I to make this possible. From these union pipefitters and home makers I learned grit and compassion for my world. And while I do not bear the Stevens name, I owe my entire education to my maternal family. It has been a privilege to learn with my outstanding fellow new doctors. Now onwards to hope and healing.



U Arkansas COM-Little Rock, Emergency Medicine, LITTLE ROCK, AR

Caleb Michael Coleman

I am grateful for my parents, Stephen and Angela, and for their unconditional love and support, and for my brother and life-long best friend, Logan. I am also so grateful for Rachel. Medical education brought us together in a roundabout way. I love you all more than I can say in this space. Lastly, thank you Dr. Spond and Dr. Bingham for your excellent guidance and advice.



U Arkansas COM-Little Rock, Anesthesiology, LITTLE ROCK, AR

John Patrick Coleman

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U Miami MSOM/Holy Cross-FL, Internal Medicine, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL

Carli Rae Cox

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U Arkansas COM-Little Rock, Pathology, LITTLE ROCK, AR

Teresa Fletcher Crow

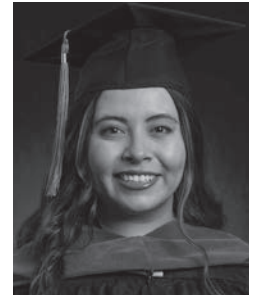
I want to thank my husband, David, for his unwavering love and encouragement. I also want to express my heartfelt appreciation for my family and friends' endless support and encouragement. I would not be where I am today without you all, and medical school certainly would not have been as enjoyable. I love you all!



Carolinas Med Ctr-NC, Emergency Medicine, CHARLOTTE, NC

Alexandra D. Cruz

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Rush University Med Ctr-IL, Internal Medicine, CHICAGO, IL

Bailee Ann Cummings

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Tulane Univ SOM-LA, Internal Medicine, NEW ORLEANS, LA

Benjamin Wade Curry

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Wright-Patterson Medical Center, Internal Medicine, Dayton, OH

Sidhant Singh Dalal

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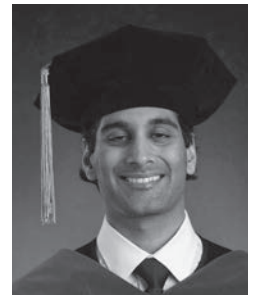
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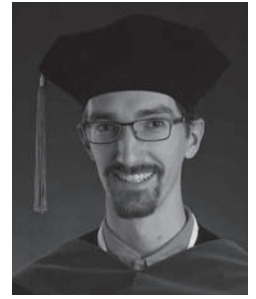
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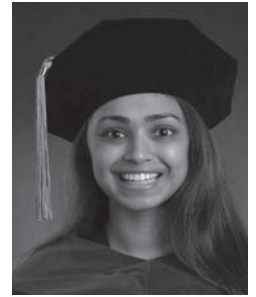
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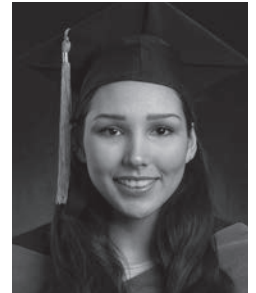
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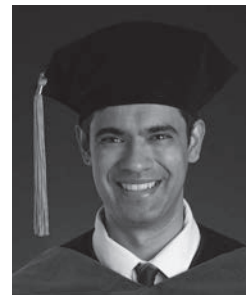
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