

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY



May 19, 2023  
Lubbock, Texas  
Buddy Holly Hall of Performing Arts & Sciences

# Texas Tech University System

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## Commencement Program Order

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Presiding	Steven L. Berk, M.D.
Introductions	Carly Guerra President, SOM Class of 2023
Keynote Speaker Introduction	Richard Jordan, M.D. Professor of Internal Medicine
Remarks	Steven L. Berk, M.D.
MD/Ph.D. Recipients	Ebtesam Islam, M.D., Ph.D.
MD/MBA Recipients	Ebtesam Islam, M.D., Ph.D.
MD/MPH Recipients	Ebtesam Islam, M.D., Ph.D.
Family Medicine Accelerated Track	Betsy Jones, Ed.D. Co-Director, Family Medicine Accelerated Track
Alpha Omega Alpha	Steven L. Berk, M.D. ΑΩΑ Faculty Counselor
Gold Humanism Honor Society	Elisabeth Conser, M.D. GHHS Faculty Advisor
Distinction in Care of the Underserved	Lauren Cobbs, M.D., M.Ed.
Excellence in Public Health Award	Lauren Cobbs, M.D., M.Ed.
Student Recognitions	Michaela Jansen, Pharm.D., Ph.D.
Military Graduates	Steven L. Berk, M.D.
Graduation Awards	Steven L. Berk, M.D.
Presentation of Graduates	Amarillo, Covenant, Lubbock, & Permian Basin
Oath of Hippocrates	Class of 2023 led by Gold Headed Cane Recipient
Presentation of Class of 2023	Steven L. Berk, M.D.
Conferring of Degrees	Darrin D'Agostino, Ph.D. Provost & Chief Academic Officer, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
Ceremony Closing	Steven L. Berk, M.D.

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## **Campus Hooders**

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Richard Jordan, M.D. - Amarillo  
Izi Obokhare, M.D., F.A.C.S., F.I.C.S. - Amarillo  
Shaughn Nuñez, M.D. - Covenant Branch  
Michael Robertson, M.D. - Covenant Branch  
Lauren Cobbs, M.D., M.Ed., FACP - Lubbock  
Elisabeth Conser, M.D. - Lubbock  
Timothy Benton, M.D. - Permian Basin  
Martin Ortega, M.D. - Permian Basin

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## **Campus Readers**

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Kristin Stutz, M.S. - Amarillo  
Rachel Forbes, M.B.A. - Covenant Branch  
Simon Williams, Ph.D. - Lubbock  
David Trotter, Ph.D. - Lubbock  
Jasmine Knorr, M.A. - Permian Basin

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**MD/PhD Recipients**

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Jonathan Kopel, Ph.D.  
Ismail Mohiuddin, Ph.D.

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**MD/MBA Recipients**

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Kiran Ali	Harrison Marsh
Jon Bruce	Lois Mendez
Marcus Gonzalez	Jasmin Rahesh
Abdurrahman Kharbat	Stephen Rossettie
Ranger Kile	Susan Sherali
Neil Maithel	Arham Siddiqui

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**MD/MPH Recipients**

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Cheryl Antal	Chelsea Gerlicki
Emily Fine	Maireigh McCullough
Riya Ganji	Kaylee Schrader

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**Family Medicine Accelerated Track Recipients**

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Andrew Alfaro	Mayra Gomez
Sheldon Baty	Joseph Greene
Matthew Bigelow	Benjamin Merrill
Shivani Dalal	

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## Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society

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Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, a professional medical organization, recognizes and advocates for excellence in scholarship and the highest ideals in the profession of medicine. Alpha Omega Alpha is to medicine what Phi Beta Kappa is to letters and the humanities and Sigma Xi is to science. Our values include honesty, honorable conduct, morality, virtue, unselfishness, ethical ideals, dedication to serving others, and leadership. Members have a compelling drive to do well and to advance the medical profession and exemplify the highest standards of professionalism.

The top 25 percent of a medical school class is eligible for nomination to the society, and up to 16 percent may be elected based on leadership, character, community service, and professionalism. Members may also be elected by chapters after demonstrating scholarly achievement and professional contributions and values during their careers in medicine. Distinguished professionals may also be elected to honorary membership.

More than fifty Nobel Prize winners in Physiology or Medicine, and in Chemistry, have been AΩA members. More than thirty of those were elected to AΩA prior to winning the Nobel Prize.

AΩA annually grants more than \$1.75 million to medical students, residents, fellows, mid-career physicians, and faculty for awards, projects, and prizes that recognize outstanding commitment and dedication to caring for others and providing high quality health care.

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### Class of 2023

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Jonathan Abraham	Andrew Knight
Jon Bruce	Rachel Kortman
Stephanie Bui	Riya Koshy
Hailey Burden	Vanessa Ku
Erin Choi	Elleena Majdinasab
Benjamin Daines	Harrison Marsh
Travis Dowdle	Cristina Natha
Tochi Eboh	Cody Perry
Asher George	Abigail Raef
Ethan Grant	John-Alexander Rafael
Holly Grossman	Stefan Raicevic
Freedom Ha	Malvika Ramesh
Katherine Holder	Anish Reddy
Omid Hosseini	Stephen Rossettie
Albin John	Kaylee Schrader
Abdurrahman Kharbat	Mariana Treviño
	Adam Wynn

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## The Gold Humanism Honor Society

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Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) honors senior medical students, residents, role-model physician teachers and other exemplars recognized for “demonstrated excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service.” Organized to elevate the values of humanism and professionalism within the field of medicine and its constituent institutions, the Society continues to be integrated into the medical education environment.

GHHS is a steadfast advocate for humanism through activities on campus and has ongoing involvement with its inclusive membership. Moreover, it helps to establish relationships with practicing physicians. Election of exemplars to Gold Humanism Honor Society makes a significant statement to medical school faculty, students, and the public that an institution places high value on the interpersonal skills and attitudes that are essential for excellent patient care.

Inspiration for GHHS began in the late 1990s, when medical educators and residency program directors expressed the need for a mechanism to identify applicants for internships and residencies who have both outstanding clinical and interpersonal skills. Currently, 170 medical schools and 14 graduate medical education programs have GHHS chapters.

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### Class of 2023

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Veena Agusala	Jenna Jurecky
Kiran Ali	Alfred Kankam, Jr.
Cheryl Antal	Riya Koshy
Elizabeth Brown	Christopher Le
Stephanie Bui	Joseph Oti-Nimoh
Kevin Chin	Parth Patel
Jaclyn Cole	Shree Patel
Samantha Daines	Cody Perry
Marcus Gonzalez	Stefan Raicevic
Carly Guerra	Sanjana Rao Anish
Freedom Ha	Reddy Susan
Delton Hall	Sherali Abigail
Omid Hosseini	Stallman



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**Distinction in Care of the Underserved**

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Shivani Dalal

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**U.S. Public Health Service 2022  
Excellence in Public Health Award**

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Kaylee Schrader

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**U.S. Public Health Service 2023  
Excellence in Public Health Award**

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Chelsea Gerlicki

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**Dean's Ambassadors  
Class of 2023**

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Giovanna Ababioh  
Kiran Ali  
Emma Brackett  
Erin Choi  
Jessyca Cripps  
Benjamin Daines  
Jeremy Doan  
Alec Giron  
Holly Grossman  
Carly Guerra  
Craig Hannon  
Bailey Harvey  
Grant Hansen  
Katherine Holder  
Shazma Khan

Harrison Marsh  
Kirby Mateja  
Erin Morris  
Tommy Ngo  
Armand Northcutt  
Joseph Oti-Nimoh  
Abigail Raef  
Erin Rice  
Stephen Rossettie  
Nikita Sankoorikkal  
Madison Schoeberl  
Arham Siddiqui  
Michelle Terry  
Mariana Treviño  
Alexander Zapata

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**Global Health Certificate**

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Brianna Marshke  
Benjamin Lee  
Susan Sherali

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**The John P. McGovern, M.D.**  
**Certificate Program in Medical Humanities and Ethics**  
**Medical Humanities and Ethics Scholars, 2023**

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“The practice of medicine is an art, not a trade; a calling, not a business; a calling in which your head will be exercised equally with your heart.”

~ Sir William Osler

Medicine must be viewed as both art and science. It is the art of understanding humankind in the context of disease-not just recognizing or diagnosing the pathological condition, but seeing how an individual’s disease is a product of his or her whole life. By exploring medicine through the lenses of medical humanities, ethics, spirituality, narrative, law, and the arts, students gain insights into the nature of the human condition, human suffering, personhood, and the responsibilities of individuals to one another in sickness and in health.

Taken together, these disciplines offer physicians-in-training an enriched understanding of the dynamic relationship between medicine and the larger social world of which it is a part. The very technology that advances the science of medicine places new demands on the physician to address quality of life and complex ethical issues that represent new challenges to the field of medicine. Never before has the art of medicine been so important.

The following Class of 2023 graduates have distinguished themselves as John P. McGovern, M.D., scholars in Medical Humanities and Ethics.

Cheryl Antal  
Jaclyn Cole  
Jessyca Cripps  
Bernardo Galvan  
Riya Ganji  
Asher George  
Carly Guerra  
Neil Jain  
Sonia Khan  
Lydia Kong

Jonathan Kopel  
Christopher Le  
En-Dien Liao  
Brianna Marschke  
Shannon Pan  
Daniel Payberah  
Stefan Raicevic  
Kaylee Schrader  
Miriam Shayeb  
Jessica Sisco

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**Military Commissioning and Promotion Graduates  
Class of 2023**

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**Army**

Captain Michael Blanco  
Captain Armand Northcut

**Navy**

Lieutenant Bernardo Galvan  
Lieutenant Bailey Harvey

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**Match Day Awards  
Amarillo Campus**

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**Outstanding Student in Pediatrics  
Maurice Dyer, M.D. Memorial Scholarship Endowment**  
Nikita Sankoorikkal

**Department of Pediatrics  
Naqvi Family Scholarship Award**  
Alexis Schuck

**Gerald Holman, M.D. Pediatric Scholarship Award**  
Zane Boerner, MSIII

**Department of Family Medicine  
Outstanding Student**  
Brooke Estes

**Chairman's Award**  
Samantha Daines  
Lois Mendez

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**Match Day Awards**  
**Amarillo Campus**

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**Department of Internal Medicine**

Benjamin Daines

**Outstanding Student in Obstetrics & Gynecology**

**Benjamin V. Salazar, M.D. Memorial Award**

Sarah Haque

**Department of Psychiatry**

Kaylee Schrader

**Department of Surgery**

**Outstanding Student**

Haven Ward

**Chairman's Award**

Abdurrahman Kharbat

**Steven L. Berk, M.D. Overall Outstanding Student**

Benjamin Daines

**J. Rush Pierce, M.D. Medical Student Leadership Award**

Kevin Chin

**Mitchell Jones Medical Student Endowed Scholarship**

Lauren McLeod, MSIII

**Bernie Mitemeyer, M.D. Medical Student Award**

Matthew Bigelow

**E.K. Jones, M.D. Award**

Brooke Estes

**Potter Randall Medical Alliance Scholarship**

Sheldon Baty

Shivani Dalal

**Mario Feola, M.D. Outstanding Faculty Award**

Jawad Kiani, M.D.

**Outstanding Resident Award**

Joshua Sorenson, M.D.

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**Match Day Awards  
Covenant Branch Campus**

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**Outstanding Student in Family Medicine**

Erin Morris  
Alexander Zapata

**Outstanding Student in Internal Medicine**

Hailey Burden

**Outstanding Student in Obstetrics & Gynecology**

Jessica Sisco

**Outstanding Student in Pediatrics**

Hailey Burden

**Outstanding Student in Psychiatry**

Nikita Rao

**Outstanding Student in Surgery**

Erin Morris

**Pay it Forward (Harold and the Purple Crayon Award)**

Elizabeth Brown  
Erin Morris

**Big Heart Award**

Abigail Ellington  
Marcus Gonzalez

**Outstanding Faculty Awards**

**Family Medicine**

Jessica Gray, M.D.

**Internal Medicine**

Mohammad Otahbachi, M.D.

**Obstetrics & Gynecology**

Noelle Zavala, M.D.

**Pediatrics**

Autumn DeSoto, M.D.

**Outstanding Community Faculty in Surgery**

Caleb Sallee, M.D.

**Outstanding Community Faculty Member of the Year**

Michael Robertson, M.D.

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**Match Day Awards  
Lubbock Campus**

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**Outstanding Student in Anesthesiology**

Joseph Cafferata

**Outstanding Student in Family Medicine**

Adam Hood

**Outstanding Student in Internal Medicine**

Maireigh McCullough

**Outstanding Student in Obstetrics & Gynecology**

Abigail Raef

**Outstanding Student in Ophthalmology**

Thaonhi Cung

**Outstanding Student in Orthopedics**

Cody Perry

**Outstanding Student in Pediatrics**

Lauren Barinque

**Outstanding Student in Psychiatry**

Lydia Kong

**Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award**

John Griswold, M.D.

Edward Yeomans, M.D.

**Outstanding Resident Teaching Awards**

Hunter Graham, M.D.

Peyton Walker, M.D.

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**Match Day Awards**  
**Permian Basin Campus**

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**Department of Family Medicine**

Mariana Treviño

**Department of Internal Medicine**

Sanjana Rao

**Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology**

Michelle Armenta Quiroz

**Department of Pediatrics**

Gabriela Moro

**Department of Psychiatry**

Dalynn Kim

**Department of Surgery**

Mohammed Pourghaed

**Outstanding Faculty**

Christopher Maguire, D.O.

**Outstanding Resident**

Suna Burghul, D.O.

**Outstanding Staff**

Kristin Sumuel

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**Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center**  
**School of Medicine Awards**  
**Class of 2023**

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The John Aure Buessler, MD  
Founding Dean Memorial Award  
for Teaching Excellence, Basic Sciences Faculty



The John Aure Buessler, MD  
Founding Dean Memorial Award  
for Teaching Excellence, Clinical Faculty



The John Aure Buessler, MD  
Founding Dean Memorial Award  
for Student Excellence



Dean's Recognition Awards



Gold Headed Cane



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## Gold Headed Cane Award

### Class of 2023

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The Gold Headed Cane Award is a long-standing tradition in medicine begun by the Royal College of Physicians in London. The College selected a physician they deemed to be an outstanding practitioner to carry the cane. Dr. John Radcliffe was the first documented physician to carry the Gold Headed Cane in England from 1689 to 1714. Between 1689 and 1825, the cane was presented to five distinguished British physicians: Radcliffe, Mead, Askew, Pitcairn, and Baille. None of these men made contributions to the medical literature, but all were outstanding clinicians, who exemplified the ultimate in consideration for patient care. The Gold-Headed Cane carried by these men now rests in the Museum of the Royal College of Physicians in London.

The American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists brought the tradition to America in 1919, presenting the award to Dr. Harold Ernst, Professor of Pathology at Harvard. From Harvard the Cane tradition was picked up by societies in California, Pennsylvania, and Texas. Dr. William J. Kerr, who initiated the awarding of the Gold Headed Cane at the University of California in 1939, felt that while the science of medicine had been appropriately recognized and rewarded, the art of medicine “should be more forcibly brought to the attention of students, faculty, and to all those concerned with the care of patients.” A number of medical schools in the United States have since adopted the symbol to recognize excellence in clinical medicine.

The Gold Headed Cane was first presented at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in 1977. The recipient is selected jointly by students and faculty as the individual who best exemplifies those attributes that are most desirable in the competent and caring physician. A gold band with the recipient’s name is added each year to the shaft of the cane, which is kept on display in the Preston Smith Library of the Health Sciences.

#### Past Recipients of the Gold Headed Cane:

1977	William E. Bode, M.D.	2001	Glena Dru Pointer, M.D.
1979	William F. Davitt, III, M.D.	2002	Jacky Dwayne Shannon, M.D.
1980	Phillip Samuels, M.D.	2003	Laurie Ladawn Marbas, M.D.
1981	Mitchell J. Farrell, M.D.	2004	Jay Deep Sengupta, M.D.
1982	Mark W. Scioli, M.D.	2005	Lesley Crowley Motheral, M.D.
1983	Frederick L. Bishop, M.D.	2006	Brianna Leigh Kirk, M.D.
1984	David L. Lindzey, M.D.	2007	Christopher Dwight Souder, M.D.
1985	Timothy G. Cornitius, M.D.	2008	Benjamin Aaron Hirsch, M.D.
1986	Philip Augustus Deffer, Jr., M.D.	2009	Katie Brading, M.D.
1987	Carl David Rowlett, M.D.	2010	Kelsey Renae Kelso, M.D.
1988	William Bradley Snodgrass, M.D.	2011	Jamie Wilkerson, M.D.
1989	Douglas Roy Klepper, M.D.	2012	Wesley Lane, M.D.
1990	John David Hernreid, M.D.	2013	Jason P. Cooper, M.D., PhD
1991	Tina Sue Haynes, M.D.	2014	Meera Subash, M.D.
1992	Sue Scher Bornstein, M.D.	2015	Krystine Guerra, M.D.
1993	Patrick William Shovline, III, M.D.	2016	Feba Thomas, M.D.
1994	Patricia Riley Arledge, M.D.	2017	Ryan Balko, M.D.
1995	Jeffrey Drayton Kerr, M.D.	2018	Jarrod Tunnell, M.D.
1996	Michael Allen Loden, M.D.	2019	Andrew Dewayne Hudson, M.D.
1997	Floyd E. Pirtle, M.D.	2020	Katelyn Macleay Light, M.D.
1998	Michael Patrick Steinmetz, M.D.	2021	Ganesh Bala Maniam, M.D.
1999	James M. Ross, M.D.	2022	Seth Swinney, M.D.
2000	Kellie Jean Nazemi, M.D.		

## Special Recognition of Student Mentors

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“In honor of, and thanks to, our personal and professional mentors in helping guide and support us to this day.”

### **Giovanna Ababioh**

*My family  
Mentors*

*I wouldn't be here without your prayers and endless support. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.*

### **Hussain Abidi**

*Mom  
Jaanu*

*I cherish your selfless dedication, unwavering support, and heartfelt duas. Today is your victory! All of this means nothing without you. Thank you.*

### **Veena Agusala**

*Mom  
Dad*

*Thank you for your love and support.*

### **Andrew Alfaro**

*My parents  
Fiancée*

*Thank you so much for your constant love, steadfast support, and fervent prayers. I love you more than I will ever be able to express.*

### **Kiran Ali**

*Family  
Mentors*

*Thank you all for always believing in me and pushing me to achieve what I didn't even know was possible! We did it!*

### **Cheryl Antal**

*James  
My Family*

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**Michelle Quiroz Armenta**

Mom  
Dad

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**Lauren Barinque**

Mom  
Dad

*Thank you for your unwavering love and support. I would not be here today if it weren't for you!*

**Sheldon Baty**

Mom  
Dad

*Your love, prayers, and support have meant everything to me through these years. I couldn't have done it without both of you by my side.*

**Benjamin Becker**

P3 Group 8  
Dr. Owen

*Thank you: to my friends from Group 8 for the lifelong memories and love since day 1, and to Dr. Owen for your limitless support, advice, and wisdom.*

**Michael Blanco**

Mom

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**Whitney Brantley**

Family  
Friends

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**Jon Christian Bruce**

My sweet wife, Wendy

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**Stephanie Bui**

Mom & Dad

Justin

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**Hailey Burden**

My loving wife, Savannah

Mom and Dad

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**Michael Carey**

Family

Friends

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**Sandra Chang**

Family

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**Angela Chen**

Family

Friends

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**Kevin Chin**

Family

Friends

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**John Ciubuc**

Radu Ciubuc

Daniela Ciubuc

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**Jaclyn Cole**  
Mom and Dad  
Landon Cole

*Thank you Mom, Dad, and Landon for always supporting my dream to be a physician. I would not be the person I am today without your love and guidance.*

**Jessyca Cripps**  
Zach  
Jace

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**Brigid Crusier**  
Family  
Husband

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**Thaonhi Cung**  
Loved Ones  
Dr. Freedman

*To Ba, Me, Bin; my family; my best friends; my mentor, Dr. Freedman; and my husband, Darryl, this moment is yours. Thank you for everything!*

**Benjamin Daines**  
Samantha  
The Daines and Dillawn families

*Thank you for love and patience.*

**Shivani Dalal**  
Family

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**Karishma Desai**  
Family  
Friends

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**Rodan Anthony Payumo Devega**

Mom  
Dad

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**Matthew DeVries**

Family  
SOM Faculty

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Family  
Friends

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**Brooke Estes**

Family  
Friends

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**Adrian Falco**

Family  
Friends

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**Emily Fine**

Family  
Friends

*Thank y'all for being my biggest inspirations and warmest supporters!*

**Bernardo Galvan**

Dr. Ansari  
Amarillo Surgery Dept.

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**Riya Ganji**

Family  
Friends

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**Ana Garcia**

Family  
Friends

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**Chelsea Gerlicki**

Loved ones  
Mentors

*Thank y'all for your continued love and support on this journey. I appreciate y'all so much and could not have done it without each one of you!*

**Marcus Gonzalez**

Family  
Friends

*Thank you for all of your love and support! I could not have done it without you and I hope to make you proud!*

**Ethan Grant**

Natasha  
My family

*I couldn't be where I am without your constant love and support! Your encouragement has meant the world to me the last few years.*

**Holly Grossman**

Mom  
Family

*Thank you for your constant support; I wouldn't be here without you!*

**Freedom Ha**

My amazing wife  
Family and friends

*I owe all of my success in medical school to my ever loving and supportive wife. Without her love, I would not have made it this far!*

**Craig Hannon**

Family (Mom, Dad, Christopher, Kyle, Louie)  
Mentors (Dr. Spellman, Dr. Kiani, Dr. Mukkera, Dr. C)

*I couldn't be more grateful for your unwavering encouragement, support and guidance every step of the way, allowing me to achieve this lifelong dream!*

**Austin Hasquet**

Melan and Hendrix  
Mom and Dad

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**Daniel Hayward**

Ally and the Girls  
Dr. MacKay

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**Katherine Holder**

Mom & Dad  
The Yosts

*Thank you for teaching me the most important qualities of a physician - empathy, resilience, and the power of unconditional love.*

**Adam Hood**

Family  
Friends

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**Cristina Natha**

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**Kaylee Schrader**  
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## Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Medicine Amarillo Campus

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**Jonathan Abraham** Parker, TX  
Match: Orthopaedic Surgery - LSU School of Medicine - New Orleans, LA

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Match: Family Medicine - Baylor University Medical Center - Dallas, TX  
Hooded by his fiancée Taylor Williams, J.D.

**Gabriel Arevalo** Houston, TX  
Match: Internal Medicine - University of Texas Medical School - Houston, TX

**Sheldon Baty** Knox City, TX  
Match: Family Medicine - Texas Tech University HSC - Amarillo, TX

**Matthew Bigelow** Amarillo, TX  
Match: Family Medicine - Texas Tech University HSC - Amarillo, TX

**Kevin Chin** Houston, TX  
Match: Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation - East Carolina University Health Medical Center - Greenville, NC

**John Ciubuc** El Paso, TX  
Match: Transitional Year - HCA Las Palmas del Sol Healthcare - El Paso, TX  
Hooded by his father Radu Ciubuc, M.D.

**Benjamin Daines** Tucson, AZ  
Match: Internal Medicine - Baylor College of Medicine - Houston, TX  
Hooded by his mother Cori Daines, M.D. and his father Michael Daines, M.D.

**Samantha Daines** Austin, TX  
Match: Family Medicine - Memorial Hermann Hospital - Houston, TX  
Hooded by her mother Vada Dillawn, J.D. and her father Steve Dillawn, J.D.

**Shivani Dalal** Bureleson, TX  
Match: Family Medicine - Texas Tech University HSC - Amarillo, TX

**Matthew DeVries** South Jordan, UT  
Match: Pediatrics - Phoenix Childrens Hospital - Phoenix, AZ

**Robert Dixon** Ogden, UT  
Match: Surgery - Preliminary - Creighton University - Phoenix, AZ  
Hooded by his brothers Peter Dixon, Ph.D. and Rolf David Dixon, Ph.D.

**Tochi Eboh** Houston, TX  
Match: Neurology - Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania - Philadelphia, PA  
Hooded by her brother Stanley Eboh, M.D.

**Brooke Estes** Sylvester, TX  
Match: Family Medicine - Texas Tech University HSC - Amarillo, TX  
Hooded by her grandfather Crosby W. Jones, Ph.D.

**Adrian Falco** Friendswood, TX  
Match: Family Medicine - West Suburban Medical Center - Oak Park, IL

**Bernardo Galvan** ♦ Arlington, TX  
Match: General Surgery - Texas Tech University HSC - Lubbock, TX

**Taylor Galvan** Sugar Land, TX  
Match: Pathology - Vanderbilt University Medical Center - Nashville, TN

**Riya Ganji** Frisco, TX  
Match: Psychiatry - Texas Tech University HSC - Lubbock, TX

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Match: Medicine - Preliminary - Baylor Scott & White Medical Center - Temple, TX

**Carly Guerra** Benbrook, TX  
Match: Family Medicine - Texas Tech University HSC - El Paso, TX

**Bailey Gutierrez** Wichita Falls, TX  
Match: Surgery - Preliminary - Texas Tech University HSC - Lubbock, TX

**Delton Hall** Amarillo, TX  
Match: Anesthesiology - Texas Tech University HSC - Lubbock, TX

**Sarah Haque** Plano, TX  
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Match: Internal Medicine - HCA Houston Healthcare - Houston, TX

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**Elleana Majdinasab** Wichita Falls, TX  
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**Tavien Mapp** Aurora, CO  
Match: Medicine - Preliminary - Cone Health - Greensboro, NC

**Lois Mendez** El Paso, TX  
Match: Family Medicine - Texas Tech University HSC - El Paso, TX

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**Cristina Natha** Sweetwater, TX  
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**Kwame Opoku** Richmond, TX  
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**Daniel Payberah** Plano, TX  
Match: Psychiatry - Tulane University SOM - New Orleans, LA  
Hooded by his brother Ebrahim Payberah, M.D.

**Thu Hien Pham** Frisco, TX  
Match: Internal Medicine - Baylor University Medical Center - Dallas, TX

**Jasmin Rahesh** Arlington, TX  
Match: Internal Medicine - Presbyterian Hospital - Dallas, TX  
Hooded by her mother Fini Mehrzad, D.D.S.

**Diego Regalado** Navasota, TX  
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**Nikita Sankoorikkal** Cypress, TX  
Match: Pediatrics - Baylor College of Medicine - Houston, TX

**Emily Sargent** Houston, TX  
Match: Internal Medicine - University of Texas Medical School - Houston, TX  
Hooded by her father Emil Sargent, M.D.

**Kaylee Schrader**

Match: Psychiatry - University of Texas Southwestern Medical School - Dallas, TX  
Hooded by her husband Matthew Borgerding, PT, DPT

Amarillo, TX

**Alexis Schuck**

Match: Pediatrics - Duke University Medical Center - Durham, NC

Henderson, NV

**Susan Sherali**

Match: Family Medicine - Kaiser Permanente - San Jose, CA

Amarillo, TX

**Arham Siddiqui**

Match: Internal Medicine - University of Texas HSC - San Antonio, TX  
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Austin, TX

**Brianna Taylor**

Match: General Surgery - University of Oklahoma COM - Tulsa, OK

Cut n Shoot, TX

**Varun Vemulapalli**

Match: Internal Medicine - University of Texas Medical School - Houston, TX  
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Odessa, TX

**Haven Ward**

Match: General Surgery - AdventHealth Florida - Orlando, FL

Austin, TX

**Tiffany Xu**

Match: Obstetrics/Gynecology - University of Texas Southwestern Medical School - Dallas, TX  
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Dallas, TX

**Madeline Young**

Match: Obstetrics/Gynecology - John Peter Smith Hospital - Fort Worth, TX  
Hooded by her brother Andrew Young, Pharm.D.

Rockwall, TX

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## Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Medicine Covenant Campus

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<b>Hussain Abidi</b> Match: Transitional Year - University of Central Florida/HCA Healthcare - Orlando, FL Dermatology - The MetroHealth System/Case Western - Cleveland, OH Hooded by his sister Saniya Rizvi, M.D. and his brother Zain Abidi, M.D.	Lubbock, TX
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<b>Elizabeth Brown</b> Match: Orthopaedic Surgery - University of Arkansas - Little Rock, AR Hooded by her mother Cathy Brown, Pharm.D.	Abilene, TX
<b>Jon Bruce</b> Match: Plastic Surgery - University of Louisville SOM - Louisville, KY	Alpine, TX
<b>Hailey Burden</b> Match: Pediatrics - Yale - New Haven Hospital - New Haven, CT	Abilene, TX
<b>Daniel De Simon</b> Match: Medicine - Preliminary - Carolinas Medical Center - Charlotte, NC Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation - Carolinas Medical Center - Charlotte, NC Hooded by his father Gabriel De Simon, M.D.	Lubbock, TX
<b>Jeremy Doan</b> Match: Transitional Year - Baylor Scott & White All Saints Medical Center - Fort Worth, TX Diagnostic Radiology - Baylor University Medical Center - Dallas, TX	Lubbock, TX
<b>Abigail Ellington</b> Match: Internal Medicine - Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center - Winston-Salem, NC Hooded by her mother Libby Ellington, M.D. and her father Todd Ellington, M.D.	Amarillo, TX
<b>Courtney Evans</b> Match: Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery - Baylor University Medical Center - Dallas, TX	
<b>Emily Fine</b> Match: Pediatrics - Weill Cornell Medical Center - New York, NY Hooded by her mother Chitra Fine, M.D. and her father Joshua Fine, M.D.	Dallas, TX
<b>Marcus Gonzalez</b> Match: Emergency Medicine - University of Texas Southwestern Medical School - Dallas, TX	Lubbock, TX
<b>Grant Hansen</b> Match: Neurology - Tulane University SOM - New Orleans, LA Hooded by his father Jeffery Hansen, J.D.	Pantego, TX
<b>Austin Hasquet</b> Match: Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery - Baylor University Medical Center - Dallas, TX	Peoria, AZ
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Match: Ophthalmology - Texas Tech University HSC - Lubbock, TX  
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**Erin Morris** Houston, TX  
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**Rachel Nwaneri** Roundrock, TX

**Joseph Oti-Nimoh** Lubbock, TX  
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**Stephanie Pangtay** Irving, TX  
Match: Family Medicine - University of Texas HSC - San Antonio, TX  
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**Nikita Rao** Austin, TX  
Match: Psychiatry - University of Oklahoma COM - Oklahoma City, OK

**Anish Reddy** Plano, TX  
Match: Urology - Texas Tech University HSC - Lubbock, TX

**Erin Rice** San Antonio, TX  
Match: Neurology - University of Michigan Hospitals - Ann Arbor, MI  
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**Stephen Rossettie** Abilene, TX  
Match: Orthopaedic Surgery - MedStar Washington Hospital Center - Washington, DC  
Hooded by his brother Anthony Rossettie, M.D. and his father Stephen Rossettie, J.D.

**Shayan Sarrami** San Antonio, TX  
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**Madison Schoeberl** Plano, TX  
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**Jessica Sisco** Fort Worth, TX  
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**Joanna Steed** San Angelo, TX  
Match: Pediatrics - Baylor College of Medicine - San Antonio, TX  
Hooded by her brother-in-law John Whitten, Ph.D.

**Hannah White** Lubbock, TX  
Match: Pediatrics - University of Arkansas - Little Rock, AR

**Adam Wynn** Provo, UT  
Match: Pediatrics - Vanderbilt University Medical Center - Nashville, TN

**Alexander Zapata** The Colony, TX  
Match: Family Medicine - Greater Lawrence Family Health Center - Westport, MA  
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## Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Medicine Lubbock Campus

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Match: Internal Medicine - Emory University SOM - Atlanta, GA  
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**Kiran Ali** San Antonio, TX  
Match: Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation - University of Texas HSC - San Antonio, TX

**Cheryl Antal** Lubbock, TX  
Match: Pediatrics - University of Colorado SOM - Denver, CO  
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**Lauren Barinque** Lubbock, TX  
Match: Pediatrics - Pennsylvania State Hershey Medical Center - PA  
Hooded by her father Mark Barinque, M.D.

**Michael Craig Blanco** Odessa, TX  
Match: Internal Medicine - William Beaumont Army Medical Center - Ft. Bliss, TX

**Emma Brackett-Douglass** Friendswood, TX  
Match: Internal Medicine/Pediatrics - Baylor College of Medicine - Houston, TX

**Whitney Brantley** Stanton, TX  
Match: Family Medicine (Via Christi) - University of Kansas SOM - Wichita, KS

**Joseph Cafferata** Carey, IL  
Match: Anesthesiology - Texas Tech University HSC - Lubbock, TX

**Micheal Carey** Sugarland, TX  
Match: Vascular Surgery - St. Louis University SOM - St. Louis, MO

**Sandra Chang** Rochester, NY  
Match: Family Medicine - University of Texas Southwestern Medical School - Dallas, TX

**Angela Chen** Helotes, TX  
Match: Family Medicine - Conroe Regional Medical Center - Conroe, TX  
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**Ayushi Chintakayala** Coppell, TX  
Match: Neurology - Barrow Neurological Institute - Phoenix, AZ

**Jaclyn Cole** Katy, TX  
Match: Obstetrics/Gynecology - Methodist Hospital - Houston, TX

**Jessyca Cripps** Friendswood, TX  
Match: Pediatrics - Texas Tech University HSC - Lubbock, TX

**Thaonhi Cung** Austin, TX  
Match: Medicine - Preliminary - Baylor Scott & White Medical Center - Temple, TX  
Ophthalmology - Baylor Scott & White Medical Center - Temple, TX  
Hooded by her aunt Nguyệt Le, M.D.

**Karishma Desai** Lubbock, TX  
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Hooded by her brother Saajan Bhakta, Ph.D.

**Rodan Devega** Copperas Cove, TX  
Match: Anesthesiology - University of Texas Medical School - Houston, TX

**Travis Dowdle** Boise, ID  
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**Grace Ehikuemen** Arlington, TX  
Match: Obstetrics/Gynecology - Baylor College of Medicine - Houston, TX

**Kristen Fain** Austin, TX  
Match: Internal Medicine - University of Texas HSC - San Antonio, TX  
Hooded by her mother Becky Fain, M.D. and her father Jerry Fain, M.D.

**Ana Garcia** El Paso, TX  
Match: Obstetrics/Gynecology - Texas Tech University HSC - Lubbock, TX

**Jali Garza** Cisco, TX  
Match: Internal Medicine - University of Arkansas - Little Rock, AR

**Chelsea Gerlicki** McAllen, TX  
Match: Medicine - Preliminary - Texas Tech University HSC - Lubbock, TX

**Alec Giron** Celina, TX  
Match: Orthopaedic Surgery - University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School - Austin, TX

**Ethan Grant** Plano, TX  
Match: Emergency Medicine - University of Utah Health - Salt Lake City, UT

**Joseph Greene** Cisco, TX  
Match: Family Medicine - Texas Tech University HSC - Lubbock, TX

**Holly Grossman** Lubbock, TX  
Match: General Surgery - Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education - Phoenix, AZ  
Hooded by her father Leonard Grossman, J.D.

**Freedom Ha** Dallas, TX  
Match: Anesthesiology - Baylor Scott & White Medical Center - Temple, TX

**Bailey Harvey** ◊ San Angelo, TX  
Match: Transitional Year - Naval Medical Center - San Diego, CA

**Daniel Hayward** Kaysville, UT  
Match: Orthopaedic Surgery - Louisiana State University HSC - Shreveport, LA

**Adam Hood** Lubbock, TX  
Match: Family Medicine - MedStar Washington Hospital Center - Washington, DC  
Hooded by his mother Patricia Hood, M.D. and his father Dwight Hood, M.D.

**Tristen Hunt** St. Louis, MO  
Match: Family Medicine (Sweetwater) - Texas Tech University HSC - Odessa, TX

**Albin John** Houston, TX  
Match: Neurological Surgery - University of Pittsburgh Medical Education - Pittsburgh, PA

**Jenna Jurecky** El Paso, TX  
Match: Psychiatry - LSU School of Medicine - Baton Rouge, LA  
Hooded by her mother Marylee Warwick Jurecky, J.D. and her father Stephen Jurecky, J.D.

**Andrew Knight** San Antonio, TX  
Match: Anesthesiology - Texas Tech University HSC - Lubbock, TX

**Lydia Kong** Fort Worth, TX  
Match: Psychiatry - TIGMER - San Antonio, TX  
Hooded by her father Paul Kong, Ph.D.

**Stephanie Kopanski** Newcastle, DE  
Match: Psychiatry - Texas Tech University HSC - Lubbock, TX

**Jonathan Kopel** St. Louis, MO  
Match: Neurology/Clinican Scientist - MedStar Washington Hospital Center - Washington, DC

**Rachel Kortman** Phoenix, AZ  
Match: Pediatrics - Phoenix Childrens Hospital - Phoenix, AZ

**Riya Koshy** Allen, TX  
Match: Emergency Medicine - University of Texas Southwestern Medical School - Dallas, TX

**Christopher Le** Carrollton, TX  
Match: Internal Medicine - University of Florida COM-Shands Hospital - Gainesville, FL

**En-Dien (Sam) Liao** Keene, TX  
Match: Internal Medicine - University of Texas Medical School - Houston, TX

**Brianna Marschke** Houston, TX  
Match: Emergency Medicine - Boston University Medical Center - Boston, MA

**Kirby Mateja** New York, NY  
Match: Obstetrics/Gynecology - St. Louis University SOM - St. Louis, MO  
Hooded by her father William Mateja, J.D.

**Maireigh McCullough** Denison, TX  
Match: Internal Medicine - Texas Tech University HSC - Lubbock, TX

**Benjamin Merrill** Austin, TX  
Match: Family Medicine - Texas Tech University HSC - Lubbock, TX

**Michael Meuth** Rockne, TX  
Match: Pediatrics - University of Florida COM-Shands Hospital - Gainesville, FL

**Adin Mizer** Amarillo, TX  
Match: Family Medicine - John Peter Smith Hospital - Fort Worth, TX  
Hooded by his grandmother Anne Friemel, Ph.D. and his wife Jacey Mizer, J.D.

**Ismail Mohiuddin** Sugar Land, TX  
Match: Surgery - Preliminary - Texas Tech University HSC - Lubbock, TX  
Radiation Oncology - University of Chicago - Chicago, IL  
Hooded by his father Syed Mohiuddin, Ph.D.

**Armand Northcut** ♦ Belton, TX  
Match: Emergency Medicine - Baylor Scott & White Medical Center - Temple, TX

**Shannon Pan** Plano, TX  
Match: Anesthesiology - University of Texas Southwestern Medical School - Dallas, TX

**Parth Patel** Austin, TX  
Match: Internal Medicine - University of Texas HSC - San Antonio, TX  
Hooded by his brother Hemesh Patel, M.D.

**Shree Patel** Abilene, TX  
Match: Medicine - Preliminary - Texas Tech University HSC - Lubbock, TX  
Diagnostic Radiology - University of Texas HSC - San Antonio, TX  
Hooded by her mother Archana Patel, DPT and her father Ashish Patel, M.D.

**Cody Perry** Bountiful, UT  
Match: Orthopaedic Surgery - John Peter Smith Hospital - Fort Worth, TX  
Hooded by his brother-in-law Mark Summers, DVM

**Abigail Raef** Amarillo, TX  
Match: Obstetrics/Gynecology - University of Utah Health - Salt Lake City, UT  
Hooded by her fiancé Eric Kennison, Pharm.D.

**Malvika Ramesh** Salem, OR  
Match: Internal Medicine - University of Texas Medical Branch - Galveston, TX

**Sparsh Ray** Katy, TX  
Match: Transitional Year - HCA Houston Healthcare/University of Houston - Kingwood, TX  
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation - Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital - Wheaton, IL

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**Kavon Sharifi**

Match: Surgery - Preliminary - Texas Tech University HSC - Lubbock, TX

Tucson, AZ

**Fehintola Soetan**

Match: Internal Medicine - University of Texas Medical School - Houston, TX  
Hooded by her sister Folasade Akinrinmade, J.D. and her father Charles Shoetan, M.D.

Richmond, TX

**Michelle Terry**

Match: Obstetrics/Gynecology - Baylor College of Medicine - Houston, TX

Southlake, TX

**Michael Tran**

Match: Internal Medicine - University of Texas HSC - Tyler, TX  
Hooded by his brother Kevin Tran, M.D.

Lake Jackson, TX

**Venus Tran**

Match: Internal Medicine - University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School - Worcester, MA

Port Arthur, TX

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## Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Medicine Permian Basin Campus

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**Stephanie Bui**

Match: Psychiatry - University of Texas Southwestern Medical School - Dallas, TX

San Jose, CA

**Erin Choi**

Match: Orthopaedic Surgery - University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics - Iowa City, IA

Dallas, TX

**Asher George**

Match: Urology - University of Texas McGovern Medical School - Houston, TX  
Hooded by his mother-in-law Nancy Samuel, Pharm.D.

Mesquite, TX

**Mayra Gomez**

Match: Family Medicine - Texas Tech University HSC - Odessa, TX

Houston, TX

**Craig Hannon**

Match: Internal Medicine - University of Texas Medical Branch - Galveston, TX

Houston, TX

**Dalynn Kim**

Match: Psychiatry - University of Virginia SOM - Charlottesville, VA

Queens, NY

**Vanessa Ku**

Match: Internal Medicine - Baylor College of Medicine - Houston, TX

Plano, TX

**Benjamin Lee**

Match: Orthopaedic Surgery - Louisiana State University HSC - Shreveport, LA

Livermore, CA

**Gabriela Moro**

Match: Pediatrics - University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School - Austin, TX

San Antonio, TX

**Vianne Nanez**

Match: Pediatrics - University of Rochester/Strong Memorial - Rochester, NY  
Hooded by her sister Elizabeth Nanez, J.D.

Santa Teresa, NM

**Tommy Ngo**

Match: Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation - University of Pennsylvania - Philadelphia, PA

Katy, TX

**Travis Pham**

Match: Psychiatry - Texas Tech University HSC - Odessa, TX

Houston, TX

**Mohammed Pourghaed**

Match: Orthopaedic Surgery - William Beaumont Army Medical Center - Ft. Bliss, TX

Houston, TX

**Michelle Armenta Quiroz**

Match: Pediatrics - University of Oklahoma COM - Oklahoma City, OK

Houston, TX

**John Alexander Rafael**

Match: Pediatrics-Psychiatry/Child Psychiatry - Boston Children's Hosp/Tufts Med Center  
Hooded by his mother Marita Rafael, M.D.

Corpus Christi, TX

**Stefan Raicevic**

Match: Pediatrics - University of Alabama Medical Center - Birmingham, AL

Escondido, CA

**Sanjana Rao**

Match: Internal Medicine - University of Texas Medical School - Houston, TX

Houston, TX

**Robert Saldana**

Match: Pediatrics - Baylor College of Medicine - Houston, TX

Lakeway, TX

**Anu Satheeshkumar**

Match: Internal Medicine - University of Texas HSC - San Antonio, TX

Cedar Park, TX

**Miriam Shayeb**

Match: Psychiatry - Texas Tech University HSC - Odessa, TX  
Hooded by her mother Eileen Sheridan-Shayeb, M.D. and her father Joseph Shayeb, M.D.

Midland, TX

**Abigail Stallmann**

Match: Pediatrics - University of Florida COM-Shands Hosp - Gainesville, FL

Houston, TX

**Christina Tompkins**

Match: Transitional Year - HCA Las Palmas del Sol Healthcare - El Paso, TX  
Diagnostic Radiology - Texas Tech University HSC - El Paso, TX  
Hooded by her mother Melissa Tompkins, M.D. and her father John Tompkins, M.D.

Plano, TX

**Mariana Trevino**

Match: Plastic Surgery - Baylor College of Medicine - Houston, TX

Mission, TX



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## Oath of Hippocrates

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*I do solemnly swear by that which I hold most sacred,  
that I will be loyal to the Profession of Medicine and  
just and generous to its members.*

*That I will lead my life and practice my art in uprightness and  
honor.*

*That into whatever house I will enter, it shall be for the good of the  
sick to the utmost of my power.*

*I, holding myself aloof from wrong, from corruption,  
from the tempting of others to vice, that I will exercise  
my art solely for the cure of my patient 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 or women  
which is not fitting to be spoken, I will keep inviolably secret.*

*These things do I promise. And in proportion as I am  
faithful to this, my oath, may happiness and good  
repute be ever mine. In the opposite if I shall be  
foresworn.*