

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

HONORS DAY 2026



University of
CINCINNATI

A photograph of a modern university building with a mix of brick and glass facades, featuring a prominent curved brick tower on the left and a large glass-walled section in the center. The building is set against a bright, slightly cloudy sky. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent white rectangle containing text.

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
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HONORS DAY

CLASS OF 2026

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Music Hall

PRELUDE

Audience is asked to stand

PROCESSIONAL LED BY

Philip M. Diller, MD-PhD

Senior Associate Dean for Educational Affairs

OPENING REMARKS

Gregory C. Postel, MD

Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and Christian R. Holmes Professor and Dean, College of Medicine

THE LEONARD TOW HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARDS

Presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation

PRESENTER:

Philip M. Diller, MD-PhD

Senior Associate Dean for Educational Affairs

FACULTY RECIPIENT:

Houman Varghai, MD

Professor, Department of Internal Medicine

STUDENT RECIPIENT:

Delia Mariah Sosa

OATH OF PROFESSIONALISM – CLASS OF 2026

Delia Mariah Sosa

Student Recipient, Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award

**THE UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
2026 EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH AWARD**

PRESENTER:

Sara Luckhaupt, MD, MPH

Captain, U.S. Public Health Service

STUDENT RECIPIENT:

Adam Leone

PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF GRADUATE STUDENT EXCELLENCE

PRESENTER:

Gregory C. Postel, MD

Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and Christian R. Holmes Professor and Dean, College of Medicine

STUDENT RECIPIENT:

Sarah Geraghty

GOLD APPLE & SILVER APPLE AWARDS

STUDENT PRESENTER:

David Furniss & Julianna Rizzo

Class of 2026 MSA Co-Presidents

GOLD APPLE RECIPIENT:

Joseph C. LaPorta, DO

Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology & Rehabilitation Medicine

SILVER APPLE RECIPIENT:

Bi A. Awosika, MD

Associate Professor, Department of Internal Medicine

SILVER APPLE RECIPIENT:

Sarah R. Pickle, MD

Professor, Department of Family & Community Medicine

EXCELLENCE IN MENTORING AWARDS

STUDENT PRESENTER:

David Furniss & Julianna Rizzo
Class of 2026 MSA Co-Presidents

FACULTY RECIPIENTS:

Amy T. Makley, MD
Professor, Department of Surgery
Charles J. Prestigiacomo, MD
Professor, Department of Neurosurgery

CLASS SPEAKER

Erick Julian Madis

**AWARDS AND HOODING OF THE DOCTOR OF MEDICINE
DEGREE CANDIDATES**

Dawn S. Bragg, PhD
Associate Dean for Student Affairs
Bi A. Awosika, MD
Assistant Dean for Office of Admissions
Philip M. Diller, MD-PhD
Senior Associate Dean for Educational Affairs

**HOODING OF THE DOCTOR OF MEDICINE-MASTER OF
PUBLIC HEALTH CANDIDATES WHO WILL RECEIVE A
DUAL MD-MPH DEGREE**

Whitney K. Bryant, MD, MPH, MEd
Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine

**HOODING OF THE MEDICAL SCIENTIST TRAINING
PROGRAM CANDIDATES WHO WILL RECEIVE A
DUAL MD/PHD DEGREE**

Gurjit K. Khurana Hershey, MD, PhD
Director, Medical Scientist Training Program
Philip M. Diller, MD-PhD
Senior Associate Dean for Educational Affairs

MILITARY PROMOTION CEREMONY

The military promotion ceremony celebrates the graduates' achievement in completing medical school and their commitment to serving in the military, marking the transition from student to commissioned officer.

PRESENTER:

Colonel Dan J. Brown, MD, USAF
Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine

RECIPIENTS:

John Velasquez
Dylan Young

HIPPOCRATIC OATH

Philip M. Diller, MD-PhD
Senior Associate Dean for Educational Affairs

CLOSING REMARKS

Gregory C. Postel, MD
*Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and Christian R. Holmes
Professor and Dean, College of Medicine*

GREGORY C. POSTEL, MD, FACR

*Executive Vice President for Health Affairs,
Christian R. Holmes Professor and Dean, College of Medicine*



Graduates, it is my distinct honor to extend my most profound congratulations to the Class of 2026. Today, you transcend the role of student to take your place within a distinguished lineage of physicians and scientists who have shaped the frontiers of medicine here at the University of Cincinnati. Your journey to this moment has been defined by a rigorous pursuit of excellence and quiet sacrifice. Yet, as you know, such a path is rarely walked in isolation. I invite you to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude to the families, mentors, and friends whose unwavering support has been the foundation of your success. You enter the profession at a pivotal epoch. As the landscape of healthcare undergoes a fundamental transformation—driven by unprecedented technological integration and the evolution of clinical intelligence—your role will require more than just technical mastery. It will demand an agile mind and a steadfast heart. While tools like AI will redefine the “how” of your practice, they can never replace the “why”: the irreplaceable, compassionate bond between a physician and their patient. As you depart for residency, I offer these final charges: remain a perpetual student of your craft, serve as a beacon for those who follow in your footsteps, and never lose sight of the humanity that sits at the center of our work. We wish you every success in the remarkable careers ahead, and we look forward to the many contributions you will make to the future of medicine. Congratulations!

DAWN S. BRAGG, PHD

Associate Dean for Student Affairs



Congratulations to each of you on reaching this incredible milestone! Today, as you celebrate with those who have supported you through the hardships and victories of this journey, take a moment to reflect on all that you have achieved. The professional accomplishments of the Class of 2026 are nothing short of extraordinary, from groundbreaking publications and compelling presentations to mission trips and community service projects that have left a lasting impact. Yet, behind these achievements lie countless sacrifices of time, finances, and personal experiences. Remember, this is not the destination but a significant milestone in your journey. Soon, you will take the next step, stepping into your roles as interns. The humbling apprehension that comes with this transition is natural, but as you begin to trust your knowledge and skills, confidence will grow. Still, my hope for each of you is that the sense of humility never fully fades. While society may associate the title of “MD” with power and intelligence, we know that medicine is not only about offering cures and delivering good news. It is, above all, about offering empathy and compassion, about standing beside our patients as fellow human beings in their most difficult moments. Take pride in the privilege and responsibility entrusted to you today. Carry it forward with respect, humility, and a steadfast commitment to making a difference. Congratulations, Class of 2026!

ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA-
NATIONAL MEDICAL HONOR SOCIETY

Alpha Omega Alpha is an honor signifying a lasting commitment to professionalism, leadership, scholarship research, and community service.

A lifelong honor, membership in the society confers recognition for a physician's dedication to the profession and art of healing.

Clayton James Agler	Elizabeth Margaret Ann Kelly
Sydney Anas	Ermina Jocelyn Lee
Tyler Anthony Barnes	Olivia Faith Lee
Morgan Dawn Buckley	Adam Ryan Leone
Grant Thomas Chappell	K. Schuyler Nissen
Kate Chappell	Abdelrahman Osman
Eugene Yunsang Cho	Andrew Poulos
Saagar M. Chokshi	Katherine Reckamp
Nicholas Joseph D'Ambrosio	Jonathan Thomas Regenold
Addison Donaher	Quinn G Retzloff
Kathryn Josephine Eary	Shalini Roy
Rory B. Edwards	Jacob Sebree
Heather Lynn Aiyana Gamble	Muayad Mahmoud Shahin
Jack Thomas Garcia	Allison Elizabeth Spraul
Samuel Keegan Gerak	Zachary White
Madelyn Gerken	Brad Robert Woodie
Isaac Hale	Andrew Zahn
Savannah Hensley	Kara Louise Svenson Zehr

**GOLD HUMANISM
HONOR SOCIETY**

*The Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) recognizes
medical students for their compassionate care.
GHHS reinforces and supports the human connection in healthcare,
which is essential for the health of patients and clinicians.*

Afua Konadu Addo

Sydney Anas

Kate Chappell

Shivatej Reddy Dubbaka

Sarah Geraghty

Madelyn Gerken

Querida Ekuu Gyimah

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Hardesty

Rachel Lorene Hill

Nicholas Paul Hutchins

Alexandra Grayson Kells

Cassidy Elaine Kershner

Hannah Kim

Katherine Algisa Kohnen

Olivia Faith Lee

Adam Ryan Leone

Courtney Claire Mitchell

Grace Marie Murphy

Micha Nouafo

Trong Hieu Phung

Andrew Poulos

Shalini Roy

Madeline Schumacher

Delia Mariah Sosa

Clifford Wilfred Ukarajit

Wei Hsuan (Sharon) Wang

Brad Robert Woodie

THE UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
2026 EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH AWARD

*Recognizes medical students nationwide who advance public health
and exemplify the USPHS mission to protect, promote, and
advance the health and safety of our nation.*

Adam Ryan Leone

DR. AND MRS. ROBERT E. OTT
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

*Based on academic performance, these awards go to the two graduates
who ranked at the top of the class at the end of four years.*

Saagar M. Chokshi

Jack Thomas Garcia

STELLA FEIS HOFFHEIMER
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT PRIZE

To the graduate with the highest academic achievement at the end of four years.

Saagar M. Chokshi

PETER T. KILGOUR
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT PRIZE

To the graduate who best combines high scholarship with fine personal character.

Kate Chappell

H.B. WEISS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
*To the graduate who has best demonstrated skills in their ability to evaluate a patient
on the basis of a history and physical examination.*

Sydney Anas

JOHN J. HUTTON
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

*To the graduate of the combined MD/PhD program who has excelled academically in
both the medical school and graduate school curriculum and who has contributed to the
advancement of knowledge through publication in the scientific literature.*

Amanda McGann

EMIL & ESTHER BOGEN RESEARCH AWARD

For original and promising research during medical school.

Lindsey Marie Bachmann

ROSALIE KRAMER CASH PRIZE AWARD

For exceptional interest in research in internal medicine.

Ishita Dubey

**MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD**

To the graduate, selected by the class, who has conceived of and implemented programs for the benefit of the entire student body.

Juliana Jeannette Rizzo

SERVICE DISTINCTION AWARD

The Service Distinction Award recognizes students who have completed 120+ hours of community service during M1, M2, and M3 year with at least 60 hours at the same community partner/organization.

Andrew Abata

Morgan Dawn Buckley

Charlotte Madeline Buisson

Adam Matthew Conway

Camryn Sinclair Davis

Katelyn Elizabeth Gharib

Querida Ekua Gyimah

Jasmine Haraburda

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Hardesty

Savannah Hensley

Elijah Hiken

Alexandra Grayson Kells

Cassidy Elaine Kershner

Megan Knauer

Katherine Algisa Kohnen

Olivia Faith Lee

Erick Julian Madis

Courtney Claire Mitchell

Mary Irene Mooney

Micha Nouafo

Anna Sophia Pappas

Rahul Patel

Sarah Marie Ray

Shalini Roy

Michael Christopher Shukis

Ryan Michael Slaughenhaupt

Kara Laine Tauer

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

RECIPIENTS SELECTED BY THE DEPARTMENTS

RUTH AND MITCHELL EDE AWARD

Excellence in the field of Dermatology.

Brad Robert Woodie

**EMERGENCY MEDICINE MEDICAL
STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD**

To the graduate who best exemplified the spirit and characteristics of a physician.

Alexander Malcolm Treon

THOMAS D. HUNNICUTT AWARD

*To the student who most embodies the ideals of community engagement in Family
Medicine, displaying altruism, service, and leadership in community settings.*

Katherine Algisa Kohnen

DR. AND MRS. HARRY J. STAGAMAN AWARD

*To the student who comes closest to embodying the ideals
of Family Medicine as role modeled by the quintessential family physician,
Dr. Harry Stagaman, including empathy, patient-centered care, high
academic performance, teamwork, leadership, and education.*

Zachary White

THE GERIATRIC MEDICINE AWARD

Excellence in the field of Geriatrics.

Elizabeth Margaret Ann Kelly

**DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE/OHIO
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS
OUTSTANDING MEDICAL STUDENT OF THE YEAR**

Excellence in the field of Internal Medicine.

Allison Elizabeth Spraul

OUTSTANDING NEUROSURGERY STUDENT AWARD

Excellence in the field of Neurosurgery.

Janesh Karnati

**CINCINNATI OBSTETRICAL AND GYNECOLOGICAL
SOCIETY AWARD**

Excellence in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Rachel Lorene Hill

RALPH & JEAN KELLY OPHTHALMOLOGY PRIZE

Excellence in the field of Ophthalmology.

Adam Ryan Leone

PETER STERN ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY AWARD

Excellence in the field of Orthopaedic Surgery.

Samuel Keegan Gerak

CHRISTIAN R. HOLMES MEMORIAL AWARD

Excellence in the field of Otolaryngology.

Jack Thomas Garcia

DAVID B. CONFER MEMORIAL AWARD

Excellence in the field of Pathology.

Michael Christopher Shukis

ROGER SMITH PATHOLOGY AWARD

Research in the field of Pathology.

Amanda McGann

COLLEGE OF AMERICAN PATHOLOGISTS (CAP)
DISTINGUISHED MEDICAL STUDENT AWARD

A demonstrated interest in pathology and participation in pathology-related activities during the student's time in medical school.

Faith Alexa Parrilla

CARL WEIHL PEDIATRIC AWARD

Excellence in the field of Pediatrics.

Anna Sophia Pappas

RANDALL BRADDOM AWARD

Excellence in the field of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Megan Elizabeth Whitley

HENRY A. NASRALLAH

MEDICAL STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

To the senior medical students who have selected Psychiatry as a career, and who have conducted research during medical school, culminating in a publication and/or a poster or oral presentation at a regional or national conference.

Allison Sage Wilson

Elijah Hiken

WARREN LIANG

EXCELLENCE IN PSYCHIATRY AWARD

Excellence in the field of Psychiatry.

Adam Matthew Conway

BOWER OUTSTANDING SURGICAL AWARD

Excellence in the field of Surgery.

Madelyn Gerken

Doctor of Medicine Degree Candidates



Andrew Abata

Family Medicine

University of Cincinnati West Chester Hospital
Cincinnati, Ohio



Basmah Abdallah Maiga

Emergency Medicine

Baylor College of Medicine
Houston, Texas



Afua Konadu Addo

Dermatology

Indiana University School of Medicine
Indianapolis, Indiana



Olulayole Oluwaseun Adedeji

Pediatrics

Brown University Rhode Island Hospital
Providence, Rhode Island



Clayton James Agler

Thoracic Surgery

University of Texas Health Science Center
Houston, Texas



Jackson Alexander

Emergency Medicine

University of Maryland Medical Center
Baltimore, Maryland



Danielle Marie Allaire

Surgery

Case Western/University Hospital Cleveland
Medical Center
Cleveland, Ohio

Doctor of Medicine Degree Candidates

Sydney Anas

Psychiatry

McGaw Medical Center at
Northwestern University
Chicago, Illinois



Chad Archdeacon

Orthopaedic Surgery

The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center
Columbus, Ohio



Lindsey Marie Bachmann

Medicine - Pediatrics

Indiana University School of Medicine
Indianapolis, Indiana



Chas Backman

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

The Wright Center for Graduate Medical Education
Scranton, Pennsylvania



Alexa Jeanine Baier

Internal Medicine

Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education
Scottsdale, Arizona



Gabriella Bal

Neurology

University of Washington
Seattle, Washington



Leah Cameron Barnes

Pediatrics

Advocate Health Care
Oak Lawn, Illinois



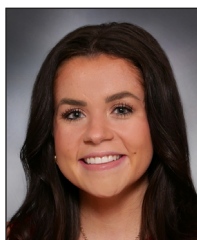
Doctor of Medicine Degree Candidates



Tyler Anthony Barnes

Orthopaedic Surgery

University of Louisville School of Medicine
Louisville, Kentucky



Alexis Claire Baumeyer

Anesthesiology

Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center
Winston-Salem, North Carolina



Abigail Grace Boldt

Medicine-Pediatrics

Indiana University School of Medicine
Indianapolis, Indiana



Nathaniel Austin Britt

Psychiatry-Family Medicine

University of Iowa Health Care Medical Center
Iowa City, Iowa



Elliott Sean Brown

Internal Medicine

The Medical University of South Carolina
Charleston, South Carolina



Morgan Dawn Buckley

Surgery

University of South Florida Morsani
College of Medicine
Tampa, Florida



Charlotte Madeline Buisson

Surgery-Preliminary

Allegheny General Hospital
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Doctor of Medicine Degree Candidates

Grant Thomas Chappell

Surgery

University of Michigan Hospitals-Ann Arbor
Ann Arbor, Michigan



Kate Chappell

Internal Medicine

University of Michigan Hospitals-Ann Arbor
Ann Arbor, Michigan



Eugene Yunsang Cho

Neurology

Zucker School of Medicine-North Shore
University Hospital and Long Island Jewish
Medical Center
Manhasset, New York



Saagar M. Chokshi

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University of Michigan Hospitals-Ann Arbor
Ann Arbor, Michigan



Adam Matthew Conway

Psychiatry

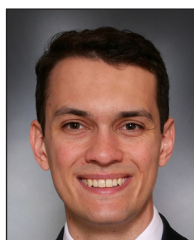
University of Cincinnati Medical Center
Cincinnati, Ohio



Nicholas Joseph D'Ambrosio

Surgery

University of Washington
Seattle, Washington



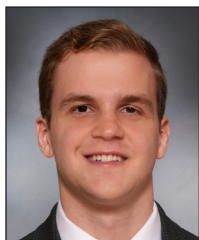
Camryn Sinclair Davis

Obstetrics-Gynecology

Indiana University School of Medicine
Indianapolis, Indiana



Doctor of Medicine Degree Candidates



David Scott Dierker II

Internal Medicine

University of Cincinnati Medical Center
Cincinnati, Ohio



Addison Donaher

Pediatrics

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
Cincinnati, Ohio



Amy Katherine Drexelius

Medicine-Preliminary

University of Cincinnati Medical Center
Cincinnati, Ohio



Shivatej Reddy Dubbaka

Radiation Oncology

The Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
New York, New York



Ishita Dubey

Internal Medicine

University of Washington
Seattle, Washington



Immanuel Duncan

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Carolinas Medical Center
Charlotte, North Carolina



Kathryn Josephine Eary

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Surgery

New York University Grossman School of Medicine
New York, New York



Emerald Frank

Obstetrics-Gynecology

University of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii



John William Fu

Internal Medicine

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation
Cleveland, Ohio



David Ezra Furniss

Emergency Medicine

University of Arizona College of Medicine-Tucson
Tucson, Arizona



Aneesha Reddy Gala

Pediatrics

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
Cincinnati, Ohio



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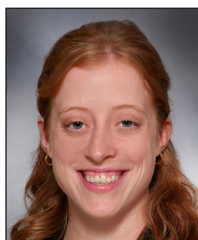
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Orthopaedic Surgery

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation
Cleveland, Ohio



Adam Gerhardt

Family Medicine

Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center
South Bend, Indiana



Madelyn Gerken

Surgery

The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center
Columbus, Ohio



Katelyn Elizabeth Gharib

Radiology-Diagnostic

West Virginia University School of Medicine
Morgantown, West Virginia



Michael Gharib

Transitional

St. Clair Health
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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Samuel Luke Gilbert

Anesthesiology

University of Kentucky College of Medicine
Lexington, Kentucky



Bissem Singh Gill

Anesthesiology

New York University Grossman School of Medicine
New York, New York



Robert Edward Grischy

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Cincinnati, Ohio



Natasha Gupta

Neurology

Westchester Medical Center
Valhalla, New York



Querida Ekuu Gyimah

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Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education
Rochester, Minnesota



Hassan Faizan Hafeez

Family Medicine

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Boston University Medical Center
Boston, Massachusetts



Kaitlyn Elizabeth Hardesty

Internal Medicine

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Jonathan Harley

Orthopaedic Surgery

Henry Ford Hospital
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St. Louis, Missouri



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Otolaryngology

University of Illinois College of Medicine- Chicago
Chicago, Illinois



Jeeva Jagabandhu

*Triple Board (Pediatrics/Psychiatry/
Child Psychiatry)*

Indiana University School of Medicine
Indianapolis, Indiana



Trent Howard James

Plastic Surgery

University of Kansas School of Medicine
Kansas City, Kansas



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Internal Medicine

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Medical Center
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Charsey Rayl Johnson

Internal Medicine

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



Sweta Kafle

Family Medicine

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Ann Arbor, Michigan



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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



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Hannah Kim

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Megan Knauer

Pediatrics-Preliminary

University of North Carolina Hospitals
Charlotte, North Carolina



Raghad Kodvawala

Family Medicine

Kettering Medical Center
Kettering, Ohio



Jason Roger Koehler

Urology

Medical College of Wisconsin
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



Katherine Algisa Kohnen

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



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San Diego, California



Taylor Nichole Lentz

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New York, New York

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Matthew Liversedge

Internal Medicine

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Salt Lake City, Utah



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Ann Arbor, Michigan



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Stony Brook, New York



Courtney Claire Mitchell

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Nationwide Children's Hospital
Columbus, Ohio



Maura Elizabeth Mittermeier

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University of Cincinnati Medical Center
Cincinnati, Ohio



Mary Irene Mooney

Family Medicine

MacNeal Hospital
Berwyn, Illinois



Connor Morris

Interventional Radiology

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Zachary Alexander Raich

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Juliana Jeannette Rizzo

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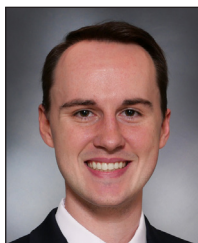
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Internal Medicine

University of Chicago Medical Center
Chicago, Illinois



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Surgery

OhioHealth-Riverside Methodist
Columbus, Ohio



Lauren Renee Schaffer

Obstetrics-Gynecology

SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital
St. Louis, Missouri



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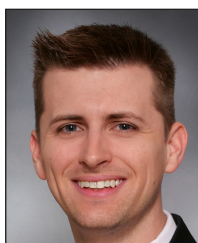
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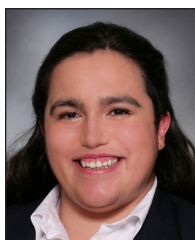
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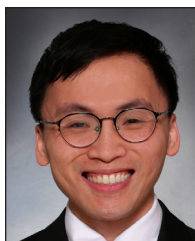
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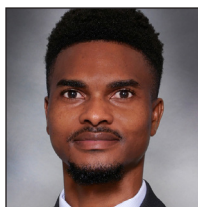
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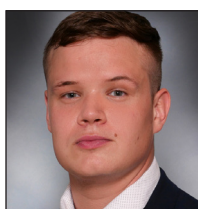
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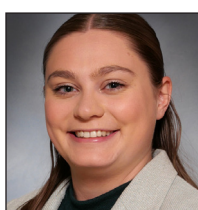
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Family Medicine

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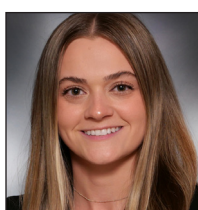
University at Buffalo School of Medicine
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Radiology-Diagnostic

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Vascular Surgery

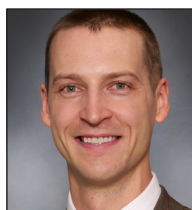
Allegheny General Hospital
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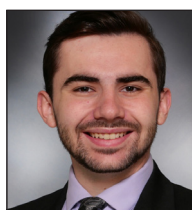
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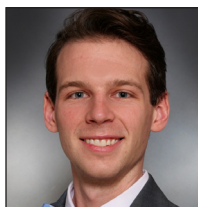
Wesley Richard Gish Wolf

Neurology

The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center
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Dermatology

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Albuquerque, New Mexico



Catherine Xu

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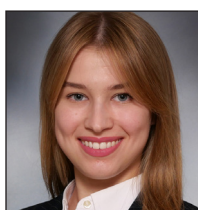
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Andrew Zahn

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Winston-Salem, North Carolina



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Emery Lu

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Cincinnati, Ohio



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Emergency Medicine

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Detroit, Michigan

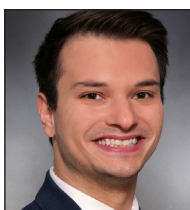


Matthew Oliveira

Internal Medicine-Preliminary

Jewish Hospital

Cincinnati, Ohio



Maureen Ubani

Neurology

Emory University School of Medicine

Atlanta, Georgia



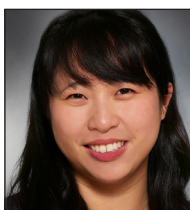
Wei Hsuan (Sharon) Wang

Family Medicine

The Keck School of Medicine-University of

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Los Angeles, California



Sean White

Emergency Medicine

University of Southern California

Los Angeles, California



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Charlottesville, Virginia



Amanda McGann

Pathology

University of Michigan Hospitals-Ann Arbor
Ann Arbor, Michigan



Tiffany Shi

Plastic Surgery

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation
Cleveland, Ohio



Jake Stevens

Pediatrics

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
Cincinnati, Ohio



Zachary Lee Watkins

Surgery

Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Nashville, Tennessee

A BRIEF HISTORY

The University of Cincinnati College of Medicine holds the unique distinction of being the oldest college to merge with UC, establishing 1819 as the university's founding date. Founded as the Medical College of Ohio by frontier physician Daniel Drake, MD, on January 19, 1819, it was the second medical college established west of the Allegheny Mountains. Drake's vision to advance medical education in the burgeoning western frontier marks the beginning of this rich history, with the first class of 24 students in 1820 and the first medical degrees awarded to seven students in 1821.

Despite early challenges, including the cholera outbreak of 1832, the college persevered and flourished in the latter half of the 19th century, attracting distinguished medical professionals. In 1896, it merged with the University of Cincinnati and relocated. A new hospital, completed in 1915 with generous community support, further enhanced its clinical capabilities. By 1921, it was formally known as the UC College of Medicine.

The 20th and 21st centuries have been marked by continuous innovation and expansion, including the establishment of the first 10 endowed chairs and its affiliation with Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in 1925. The 1930 opening of Kettering Laboratories amplified its reputation for innovative research in toxicology and occupational health. Subsequent campus expansions, including the Medical Sciences Building, Cardiovascular Center, Vontz Center for Molecular Studies, and the CARE/Crawley Building, have provided state-of-the-art facilities for education and discovery.

A national leader in medical education, the college pioneered the first US residency programs in emergency medicine and physical medicine and rehabilitation. These advancements reflect a deep commitment to research, education, and patient-centered care that continues today.

The UC College of Medicine is particularly proud of its faculty and alumni who have made profound impacts on medicine. Esteemed faculty include Albert B. Sabin, MD, developer of the oral polio vaccine, and Henry Heimlich, MD, creator of the Heimlich maneuver. Distinguished alumni continue this legacy of innovation and leadership. Marilyn Hughes Gaston, MD, ('64) became the first Black woman to direct a public health service bureau and was instrumental in shaping national policy on sickle cell disease. More recent alumni, such as Robert R. Kuske, Jr., MD, ('80), a pioneer in breast cancer treatment, and Imamu O. Tomlinson, MD, ('00), a national leader in emergency medicine and healthcare innovation, exemplify the college's ongoing impact in critical medical fields.

Today, as the UC College of Medicine celebrates its 206th graduating class, it upholds a rich tradition of excellence and innovation. In the spirit of its founder, Daniel Drake, the college continues to educate and inspire future generations of physicians who are dedicated to advancing medicine and transforming lives.

Hippocratic Oath

All of the MDs in the audience are invited to stand and recite the oath with the Class of 2026 and Dr. Diller.

Upon completion of the oath, students may switch their tassels to the left side.

“Now being admitted to the profession of medicine, I solemnly pledge to consecrate my life to the service of humanity.

I will give respect and gratitude to my deserving teachers.

I will practice medicine with conscience and dignity.

The health and life of my patients will be my first consideration.

I will hold in confidence all that my patient confides in me.

I will maintain the honor and noble traditions of the medical profession.

My colleagues will be as my brothers and sisters.

I will not permit consideration of race, religion, nationality, politics or social standing to intervene between my duty and my patient.

I will maintain the utmost respect for human life.

Even under threat I will not use my knowledge contrary to the laws of humanity.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MESSAGE

Congratulations Class of 2026

and welcome to the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine Alumni Family. The education you have received and friendships you have developed in the college will provide a strong foundation upon which you will build an exciting and impactful career.

As you embark on your professional journey, we invite you to stay connected with the UC Alumni Association and let us know about awards, promotions and accomplishments so we can share good news with your fellow alumni. Please stay in touch and keep your contact information up to date to ensure you receive the latest news and updates from the College of Medicine.

Congratulations again and we are excited to see the impact you will make in your communities.

JENNIFER THEISS

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