

The University of Texas
Health Science Center at San Antonio



*Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long
School of Medicine*

*Spring 2020
Commencement Program*

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Our Mission

The mission of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio is to make lives better through excellence in education, research, health care and community engagement.

Strategies for achieving this mission are:

- Educating a diverse student body to become excellent health care providers and scientists.
- Engaging in research to understand health and disease.
- Commercializing discoveries, as appropriate, to benefit the public.
- Providing compassionate and culturally proficient health care.
- Engaging our community to improve health.
- Influencing thoughtful advances in health policy.

Our Purpose

The purpose of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio is to provide the best in health careers education, biomedical research, patient care and community service to San Antonio and the South Texas/Border Region. Through undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate programs, the faculty is committed to educating health professionals who will provide excellent patient care and research that can be applied to treat and prevent disease.

Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long School of Medicine Mission

The mission of the Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long School of Medicine is to provide responsive and comprehensive education, research and service of the highest quality in order to meet the health-related needs of the citizens of Texas. In all aspects of fulfilling this mission, the Long School of Medicine is committed to demonstrating particular sensitivity to and focus on the South Texas region while fostering the broadest diversity and inclusion that ensures successful achievement of the institutional priorities to:

- Cultivate a pervasive, adaptive and respectful environment promoting diversity, inclusion, equity, professionalism, humanism and opportunity.
- Provide exemplary medical education and training to a diverse body of health career professionals at all levels while fostering a commitment to scholarship, leadership and life-long learning across the educational continuum.
- Build and sustain recognized leadership, and advance scholarship excellence across the biomedical and health-related research spectrum.
- Deliver exemplary and compassionate health care to enhance every patient's quality of life.
- Serve as a responsive resource to address community health needs whether local or global.
- Attain health equity for the diverse patient population of South Texas.

The Order of Exercises *

Processional

The audience is asked to remain seated for the procession.
Additionally, guests are requested to please silence all cell phones for the duration of the ceremony.

Academic Procession

Florence Eddins-Folensbee, M.D., Marshal
Nehman M. Andry, M.D., Assistant Marshal
Nida "Joy" Ermko, M.D., Assistant Marshal
Omid B. Rahimi, Ph.D., Assistant Marshal
Dina R. Tom, M.D., Assistant Marshal

Presiding

Robert Hromas, M.D., FACP
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Greetings

William L. Henrich, M.D., MACP
President
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
Chiufang Hwang, M.D.
President, Long School of Medicine Alumni Board of Directors

Gerald Q. Greenfield, Jr., M.D.
President, Bexar County Medical Society

Commencement Address

Vice Admiral Raquel C. Bono
United States Navy, Retired

Conferring of Degrees

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Closing Remarks

Robert Hromas, M.D., FACP

Recessional

Guests are requested to please refrain from leaving until after the recessional.

**Anticipated order of exercises prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

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Baylor College of Medicine
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Pediatrics Residency
Baylor College of Medicine
Houston, Texas

Joseph Daniel Wortman

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Residency
Vidant Medical Center/East Carolina University
Greenville, North Carolina

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Olivia Flynn Hunt	Abigail O'Neil Souryal
Lorelle Renee Knight	Nicholas Mark Stansbury
Leah Katherine McGuire	

American Academy of Neurology and Department of Neurology Medical Student Prize for Excellence in Neurology

Sheetal Rama Hegde

Aust Award for Outstanding Performance on the NBME Surgery Examination

Austin Carter Smith

Bates Family Medical Scholarship

Rachelle Yukiko Hamblin
Chelsea Elizabeth Mendonca
Alexis Janie Ramos

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Lorelle Renee Knight

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Angela Giang Tien Le

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Chelsea Elizabeth Mendonca
Chisato Nishikawa
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Christina Ann Fleres
Joshua Jiashyue Li

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Corey David McNeilly

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Emily Danielle Henkel

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Yuki Yoshiyasu

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Veritas MS4 Mentor in Medicine Leadership Award

Callie Suzanne Marshall
Lara Danielle Slesnick

Veritas MS4 Mentor in Medicine of the Year Award

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Permanent Honors

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society

AΩA is a national society organized for the promotion of scholarship and research in medical schools, the encouragement of high standards of character and conduct among medical students and graduates and the recognition of high attainment in medical science and practice and related fields by alumni and faculty. Election is based on academic excellence in all required courses and the highest ideals in the profession of medicine. Acceptance is limited to no more than one-sixth of the total number of graduates.

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		Yuki Yoshiyasu

Marvin Forland, M.D. Chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society

The GHHS recognizes those students who, throughout their medical education, have reflected the behaviors and values that are of significant importance in adhering to the principles of humanism and in manifesting humanism as an essential human trait within the individual.

Rohan Srinivas Adiga	Cassandra Aimee Jones
Victoria Francis Arnold	Thomas Chi-Han Lu
Pavela Grigorova Bambekova	Callie Suzanne Marshall
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Rose Ann My Huynh	

Doctor of Medicine with Honor

The M.D. with Honor designation is awarded to students who have maintained a 4.0 grade point average throughout the curriculum.

Amr Mazen Arar	Emily Danielle Henkel	Lauren Marie Murphy
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Kevin T. Chorath	Angela Giang Tien Le	Blake Ann Seeker
Caleb Jordan Davis	Donghwan Lee	John Phillip Thompson
Jurjen Carel de Jong	James Michael Miller	Joy E. Tsai

Doctor of Medicine with Distinction in Medical Education

The M.D. with Distinction in Medical Education Program provides medical students with an opportunity to spend part of their medical school career participating in activities focused on different components of teaching and educational research. This program is designed to instruct and train medical students in multiple domains of medical education and to emphasize the educational duties that physicians have in all aspects of their work.

Anna Margaret Pritchard
Keri Jinju Rowley

Doctor of Medicine with Distinction in Medical Humanities

The M.D. with Distinction in Medical Humanities provides medical students with the opportunity to spend part of their medical school career exploring the interdisciplinary program offerings in the Center for Medical Humanities & Ethics (CMHE). Students will produce a capstone project, which demonstrates a sustained work of academic research or sustainably fills a specific and substantial need for a selected community within one of four tracks supported by the CMHE: Community Service, Global Health, Arts and Humanities, and Medical Ethics.

Jaclyn Ann Boozalis
Rose Ann My Huynh

Doctor of Medicine with Distinction in Research

The M.D. with Distinction in Research is awarded to students who have completed at least 640 hours of mentored basic, clinical, translational or social sciences research over the course of their medical school tenure. Additional requirements include maintaining good academic standing, presenting a poster at Medical Student Research Day, and producing an approved, first authored manuscript describing their work.

Shelby Charmaine Barrera
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Ruby Susan Gibson

Daniel Christopher Glade
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Mitchell Alexander Katona

Samuel Stephen Ornell
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Yuki Yoshiyasu

Doctor of Medicine/Master of Public Health

The dual M.D./M.P.H. program prepares physicians to treat individuals and populations via training in biostatistics, epidemiology, behavioral science, public policy and environmental health. This four-year program allows students to accomplish an M.D. from the Long School of Medicine and an M.P.H. from the School of Public Health at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

Christian Andoni Aquino
Andrew Joseph Braun
Timothy Paul Buckley
Jelina Marie Villadelrey Castillo
Cara Caitlin Forsythe Pride
Rachelle Yukiko Hamblin

Emily Danielle Henkel
Aileen Huaihao Hsi
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Amy Sooyon Kimm
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Shankar Mulloth Nandakumar
Soraya Naqvi
Erin Makenzie Rainosek
Natalie Lauren Tips

Doctor of Medicine/Doctor of Philosophy

The dual M.D./Ph.D. program prepares physician-scientists to become accomplished health care providers and investigators with problem-solving knowledge and skills, trains physician-scientists in the conduct of clinical and translational research in culturally diverse settings, and develops future leaders in academic health care and biomedical research. The M.D./Ph.D. program is seven to eight years in length.

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Green and gold cords indicate membership in the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.

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Blue cords indicate Doctor of Medicine with Distinction in Research.

Salmon pink cords indicate dual Doctor of Medicine/Master of Public Health.

Blue and green cords indicate dual Doctor of Medicine/Doctor of Philosophy.

Red, white and blue cords indicate service in the United States Armed Forces. The cords are provided in appreciation of their service to our nation and defense of the freedoms we enjoy.

Hippocratic Oath

(Modern version)

I swear to fulfill, to the best of my ability and judgment, this covenant:

I will respect the hard-won scientific gains of those physicians in whose steps I walk, and gladly share such knowledge as is mine with those who are to follow.

I will apply, for the benefit of the sick, all measures which are required, avoiding those twin traps of overtreatment and therapeutic nihilism.

I will remember that there is art to medicine as well as science, and that warmth, sympathy, and understanding may outweigh the surgeon's knife or the chemist's drug.

I will not be ashamed to say "I know not," nor will I fail to call in my colleagues when the skills of another are needed for a patient's recovery.

I will respect the privacy of my patients, for their problems are not disclosed to me that the world may know. Most especially must I tread with care in matters of life and death. This awesome responsibility must be faced with great humbleness and awareness of my own frailty. Above all, I must not play at God.

I will remember that I do not treat a fever chart, a cancerous growth, but a sick human being, whose illness may affect the person's family and economic stability. My responsibility includes these related problems, if I am to care adequately for the sick.

I will prevent disease whenever I can, for prevention is preferable to cure.

I will remember that I remain a member of society, with special obligations to all my fellow human beings, those sound of mind and body as well as the infirm.

If I do not violate this oath, may I enjoy life and art, respected while I live and remembered with affection thereafter. May I always act so as to preserve the finest traditions of my calling and may I long experience the joy of healing those who seek my help.

(Adapted from *The Modern Hippocratic Oath* written in 1964 by Louis Lasagna, former Academic Dean of the School of Medicine at Tufts University)

Academic Ceremony and Regalia

Commencement ceremonies are grounded in ancient religious, educational and civic rituals. Today's ceremony begins with a grand procession led by the Marshal, followed by the President, Dean, Dignitaries, Assistant Marshals, Faculty and Graduates. Inspiring to observe, the procession demonstrates unity and collegiality among health care professionals while highlighting their distinctiveness with symbols of robe, cap, tassel, hood and cord.

The University Mace

The Marshal leads the academic procession carrying the president's academic mace, a polished brass scepter that represents The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio's authority to educate students and grant degrees. The mace is decorated with the university seal and the caduceus, an ancient depiction of two snakes wrapped around a winged staff, sometimes used as a symbol of the medical profession.

The Academic Regalia

The contemporary tradition of wearing academic regalia for university ceremonies dates to the 11th and 12th centuries, when the great European universities were being established. At that time, students organized themselves into guilds, or associations, called universitates. Members of the universitate wore distinctive gowns to identify their group and differentiate between apprentices and masters. A "bachelor" was a man who assisted another and was usually an apprentice within the guild. A "master" was recognized by guild superiors as having reached a high level of expertise and was licensed to practice and teach as a full-fledged guild member.

The Robe

During the medieval period, men and women alike wore long robes as everyday clothing. The simplicity or elegance of the individual's robe identified them as peasants, clergy, students or royalty. To some extent, similar distinctions are made in today's academic regalia. For example, the bachelor's robe is simply designed with long pointed sleeves. It is said that the sleeves were originally used by the student, or apprentice, to carry scrolls on which their lessons were written. The master's robe is similar in style, but the long, oblong sleeves are closed. The doctor's robe is the most elaborate, with a long, flowing body, velvet trim on the front and large bell-shaped sleeves with three velvet bars. Typically, academic robes are made of black fabric, but some universities have respectfully adopted other colors for doctoral gowns.

The Hood

The hood is a symbol of achievement — the means by which the degree and the college awarding the degree are readily recognized. The size and shape emphasize the degree level — the Doctor being the largest, followed by the Master and the Bachelor. The colors in the satin lining are those approved and authorized by the college or university conferring the degree. The colors for The University of Texas graduate are orange and white...the color of the velvet border and robe and sleeve, if any, indicates the degree earned (dark blue for Philosophy, light blue for Education, gold for Science, etc.).

Degrees and Colors

Arts	White
Dentistry	Lilac
Education	Light Blue
Fine Arts	Brown
Law	Purple
Library Science	Lemon
Medicine	Kelly Green
Nursing	Apricot
Pharmacy	Olive Green
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Public Health	Salmon Pink
Science	Gold
Veterinary Science	Gray

During today's ceremony, many faculty will be wearing doctoral hoods of varied colors that indicate the degree-granting university and the person's academic discipline. Some faculty wear hoods for the Doctor of Philosophy, trimmed in dark blue velvet, which represents mastery of learning and scholarship in any academic discipline and does not represent the academic discipline of philosophy.

Individuals with master's and doctoral degrees wear elegant hoods lined and trimmed with satin and velvet that tell about the person's academic history and credentials. Hoods were originally worn by monks to cover their shaved heads in cold weather and, when removed from the head, the hood could be used as a container for collecting alms. The master's hood is 3½ feet long, and the doctoral hood is longer and wider.

The Cap and Tassel

In the United States, two styles of caps are worn with academic robes: the mortarboard, a flat, stiff board that appears to balance on the head, and the tam (short for tam o'shanter), a soft hat made of velvet. Generally, mortarboards are covered with black fabric; tams may be of various colors, depending on the wearer's academic field or the institution's tradition. The square, flat shape of the mortarboard represents the book, a symbol of scholarship. Falling off the side of the mortarboard or tam is a tassel, which symbolizes the university mace.

This Commencement Program represents a list of students expected to fulfill all the degree requirements in their respective programs as of May 9, 2020. Although the list is verified by the Dean's Office prior to publication, we apologize in advance for any inadvertent omission or inclusion of names.

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Notes

