



# A Message from the Dean

Commencement is a momentous day for everyone—our graduates, their families and friends, faculty, and the entire medical school community. Our decision to host a virtual commencement was focused solely to ensure the health and safety of all as the global health crisis, COVID-19, remains with us. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility during these challenging times.

Our medical school mission is CLEAR to educate and inspire lifelong learners to be exceptional clinicians, leaders, educators, advocates, and researchers of tomorrow. It is this commitment to excellence by the medical school and the Kalamazoo community that attracted me here to serve as the new dean.

The challenges of today—specifically the coronavirus pandemic and the impact of racism in our society—reinforce the need for our graduates to bring the mission to life. The world needs exceptional:

- · Clinicians to treat and heal the sick.
- Leaders to lead healthcare teams, healthcare institutions, and most importantly to lead us forward.
- Educators who are committed to lifelong learning and inspiring future learners.
- Advocates for patients, the underserved, the medical profession, and each other.
- · Researchers to discover cures that will ease suffering.

We fulfill our mission through the careers and good works of our graduates. As a newer medical school, each graduating class contributes to building our legacy and a rich history of excellence. We look forward to the continued successes of our graduates throughout their careers.

It is my honor and privilege to offer my congratulations to our graduates on the successful completion of the rigorous curriculum that our faculty have developed to ensure success in their chosen careers. And, perhaps most importantly I congratulate our graduates on their choice to enter the healthcare professions. The global pandemic and the racism that is paralyzing the health and well-being of so many, only further shines a light on the need for competent and compassionate physicians, biomedical scientists, and medical engineers. Our medical students and our graduate students have selected career paths that will have such a profound impact on the health of individuals and the communities where they will live.

Together, we celebrate the success of our graduates today and into the future.

Paula M. Termuhlen, MD

Dean

### **MISSION**

To educate and inspire lifelong learners to be exceptional clinicians, leaders, educators, advocates, and researchers of tomorrow.

### VISION

To be distinguished as a leader among medical schools through community collaboration in medical education, patient care, research, and service.

# **VALUES**

We achieve excellence by:

- Promoting innovation and lifelong learning
- Acting with integrity and professionalism
- Demonstrating leadership, teamwork, and collaboration
- ❖ Showing **compassion** for all, and
- ❖ Valuing inclusiveness and diversity



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Associate Dean, Student Affairs

# Faculty Award Recipients

The Class of 2021 presented the following awards to outstanding medical school faculty:

### Jade Woodcock, MA

Outstanding Basic Science Educator Foundations of Medicine

### Joseph Prahlow, MD

Outstanding Clinical Science Educator Foundations of Medicine

### Melissa Olken, MD, PhD

Outstanding Clinical Science Educator Clerkship Director

# Prashant Patel, DO

Outstanding Clinical Science Educator Clinical Faculty

### Michelle Peterson, MD

Outstanding Clinical Science Educator Resident Physician



In planning our virtual commencement, we wanted to maintain academic traditions, including the academic regalia worn by our speakers. While we are not all together in the traditional apparel, we want to recognize the robes, hoods, and tams originating in medieval Europe.

### **ACADEMIC REGALIA**

Today's academic regalia—the robes, hoods, and tams—originated in medieval Europe. In 1895, representatives of America's leading academic institutions adopted a code of academic dress. The code regulates the cut, style, and materials of the gowns, and prescribes colors to represent different fields of learning. Today, with few exceptions, the academic robes are black and the colors of the hood reflect the field of learning and academic institution. At WMed for the medical degree, the gown is faced with black velvet; three bars of velvet are used across the sleeves. The hood is hunter green with a chevron of brown and gold. For master of science degrees, the gown has long swooping sleeves, and the hood is science gold with a chevron of brown and gold. All graduates wear a brown tassel with a WMed Medallion.

# WMED SEAL AND MEDALLION

The institutional seal, a symbol of Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine, is one of an academic institution's most important symbols. Serving as the legal mark of the institution, the seal is used to authenticate official documents such as diplomas. The WMed seal includes the institutional name and two elements of the logo—the W and the Rod of Asclepius. The medallion is three inches in diameter, crafted with antique brass, and reveals the institutional seal. The medallion is at the center of a brass necklace which is a permanent part of the dean's academic regalia, and is worn at formal ceremonial events.

### THE MACE

The ceremonial mace is used to lead the academic procession at commencement and other special ceremonial occasions, signifying the importance of the event and the conformation of the academic process. The 42-inch mace is made of natural walnut and is topped with a 4-inch antique brass medallion of the institutional seal.

# **WELCOME ALUMNI**

While the annual Awards and Alumni banquet was not able to be held, graduates of the Class of 2021 are welcomed as medical school alumni by the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, which plays a key role in keeping alumni involved in the growth of the medical school and celebrating continuing successes. Graduates will be receiving their diplomas in commemorative WMed frames, along with a WMed medallion lapel pin. We are interested in our alumni news and accomplishments, both personal and professional. Alumni are encouraged to email alumni@med.wmich.edu with news to share or to update personal contact information.







WELCOME Peter J. Ziemkowski, MD, Associate Dean, Student Affairs

REMARKS FROM THE DEAN Paula M. Termuhlen, MD, Dean

REMARKS FROM THE GRADUATES Jesse Chou, Class of 2021

REMARKS FROM THE DEAN EMERITUS Hal B. Jenson, MD, MBA, Dean Emeritus

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS John M. Dunn, EdD, President Emeritus,

Professor Emeritus, Western Michigan University

ADVANCED DEGREE DIPLOMA PRESENTATION

Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences

Master of Science in Medical Engineering

Timothy A. Garrow, PhD, Program Director
Tycho K. Fredericks, PhD, Program Chief

MD HOODING AND DIPLOMA PRESENTATION Peter J. Ziemkowski, MD, Associate Dean, Student Affairs

Paula M. Termuhlen, MD, Dean Scholar-Advisors, Guest Hooders

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

AND DEGREE CONFERRAL

Ross E. Driscoll, MD, Chair, Faculty Academic Council

CLASS OATH Patrick McCreesh III, Class of 2021

CLOSING REMARKS Peter J. Ziemkowski, MD, Associate Dean, Student Affairs

# Class Oath

The oath of Hippocrates is a symbol of the medical profession and perhaps the most widely known of Greek medical texts. The Hippocratic Oath requires a new physician to swear upon the healing gods that he or she will uphold professional ethical standards. Over the centuries, it has been rewritten often to suit the values of different cultures that have been influenced by Greek medicine. A medical oath declares the ethos of medicine, and includes solemn promises that identify the covenant relationship between physicians, other healthcare providers, patients, and society as a whole. During the very first weeks of medical school, medical students in the Class of 2021 created their own class oath which enabled the students to reflect on the principles they feel are important to embrace as medical professionals. By writing their own words, the oath created the foundation for their medical education and medical career.

# **CLASS OF 2021 MEDICAL STUDENT OATH**

In recognition of the honor and privilege of being a member of the Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine Class of 2021, I devote myself to the practice of medicine and solemnly swear the following oath:

I pledge to adhere to and abide by a standard worthy of my peers, the school, the community, and the medical profession.

I pledge to respect patient autonomy, and to collaborate in creating patient-centered, humanistic care.

I pledge to uphold the bonds of trust between myself and my patient.

I pledge to educate and empower patients to be advocates of their own health.

I pledge to advance the frontiers of medical knowledge with the goal of continuous improvement of patient care.

I pledge to resist the vices of arrogance, apathy, and avarice.

I shall do no harm.

I pledge to demonstrate humility by recognizing my own limitations, and to look to my inter-professional team for guidance.

I pledge to serve all patients and be vigilant in the service of those who are most vulnerable.

I pledge to establish and maintain an inclusive environment that welcomes individuals of all communities and identities.

I pledge to extend my advocacy beyond the clinic to the community as a whole, with deference to the privilege our position affords.

I pledge to devote myself to the alleviation of human suffering.

Above all, I commit to a life of service.

We pledge this oath individually and collectively.

# Class of 2021 Graduates

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Daniela Pinto Payares
University of Colorado, BS

Rosemary Vergara
Santa Clara University, BS

Jaide Woods-Dawson Ohio State University, BS

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL ENGINEERING

**Kelsey Cushway** 

Mitchell Kenter

Western Michigan University, BS

DePauw University, BA

# DOCTOR OF MEDICINE DEGREE

Information on the following pages includes the degrees earned, postgraduate training site and specialty, awards, honor society induction, and scholarships.

**Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society**: The Michigan Epsilon chapter at WMed recognizes students who have shown dedication to academia, peer teaching, leadership, humanism, and service. Students become eligible for this honor in their third year, and are selected by faculty who are members of the society.

**CLEAR Award:** Students in the class selected one peer who exemplifies excellence in each area of the medical school's CLEAR mission: Clinician, Leader, Educator, Advocate, and Researcher.

**Global and Public Health Distinction:** Students honored with the Global and Public Health Distinction have completed additional training in improving health and achieving health equity with an emphasis on population-based prevention. This distinction recognizes the student's commitment to providing equitable and thoughtful care to individuals, communities, and populations with an understanding that public health is fundamental to medicine and to combating morbidity and mortality from altering perspectives.

**Gold Humanism Honor Society**: We believe in the importance of developing humanistic future physicians who are dedicated to compassionate, respectful, and empathetic patient care. Students who have exhibited these characteristics while in medical school are inducted in the Gold Humanism Honor Society. Students are nominated for this honor in their third year by their peers.

**Health Professions Scholarship Program**: Students who have been accepted in the Health Professions Scholarship Program enter either the US Army, Navy, or Air Force and serve as a commissioned medical officer after graduation. Each branch accepts only 400 applicants each year.

**Outstanding Student Award**: Each academic department selected one or more outstanding students from the class to be awarded on behalf of the department faculty.

**Well-Being in Medicine Distinction:** Students honored with the Well-Being in Medicine Distinction have completed additional requirements and training regarding wellness strategies and whole-person care. This distinction recognizes the student's commitment to the principles of personal and professional wellness and to becoming leaders and advocates for creating systemic change to support provider and patient well-being within the field of medicine.

### Michael Abiragi

University of Michigan—Ann Arbor, BA Internal Medicine Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, California

### **Nicole Ahmed**

Washington University–St. Louis, BA Internal Medicine Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, California Outstanding Student Award, Department of Medicine

### **Bilal Assi**

University of Michigan-Dearborn, BS Pediatrics Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine, Michigan

#### Pooia Avula

Northwestern University–Evanston, BA Case Western Reserve University, MS General Surgery University of Louisville School of Medicine, Kentucky Gold Humanism Honor Society Global and Public Health Distinction

### **Jacob Baxter**

The University of Alabama, BS General Surgery Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Minnesota Outstanding Student Award, Department of Surgery Global and Public Health Distinction

### **Marine Bolliet**

Western Michigan University, BS General Surgery Ascension Providence/Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, Michigan Gold Humanism Honor Society John M. Dunn Endowed Scholarship Global and Public Health Distinction

# Kristina Byers-Spencer

University of California–Berkeley, BA Medicine-Pediatrics Spectrum Health/Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, Michigan

### **Albert Chen**

University of California-Berkeley, BS University of California-Berkeley, MS Anesthesiology University of Miami/Jackson Health System, Florida

### **Lucy Chen**

University of Illinois—Urbana, BS Internal Medicine Huntington Memorial Hospital, California

### **Abigail Cheng**

University of Western Ontario, BS General Surgery University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Medicine, Nevada

### John Chinchen

University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, BS Emergency Medicine Ascension St. John Hospital, Michigan

### **Kevin Ching**

Washington University—St. Louis, BA Internal Medicine Loyola University Medical Center, Illinois

### Jesse Chou

Amherst College, BA
Plastic Surgery (Integrated)
University of Virginia, Virginia
Gold Humanism Honor Society
Outstanding Student Award, Department of Surgery
Researcher CLEAR Award
USPHS Excellence in Public Health Award 2020

## **Benjamin Coors**

Ohio State University, BS Neurology Cleveland Clinic, Ohio

### **Zackary Cowan**

Brigham Young University, BS
Family Medicine
McKay-Dee Hospital, Utah
Outstanding Student Award,
Department of Family and Community Medicine

#### Kamil Cwikla

Northwestern University–Evanston, BA Internal Medicine Loyola University Medical Center, Illinois

# Nastassia Drosdick

Loyola Marymount University, BA Georgetown University, MS Emergency Medicine Henry Ford Hospital, Michigan Well-Being in Medicine Distinction

# **Monica Ellis**

University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, BS Internal Medicine Inova Fairfax Hospital, Virginia

# **Rachel Gallimore**

Tufts University, BS General Surgery University of Minnesota Medical School, Minnesota

### **Fatima Ghandour**

University of Michigan-Dearborn, BS Psychiatry Authority Health Graduate Medical Education, Michigan

#### **Anmol Hans**

University of Washington, BA University of Washington, BS Obstetrics and Gynecology University of Missouri–Kansas City, Missouri

### Joshua Hekmatjah

University of California–Los Angeles, BS

Dermatology

University of Arkansas College of Medicine-Little Rock, Arkansas

### Alysa Hernandez

University of Florida, BS Obstetrics and Gynecology Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai West, New York Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society

Outstanding Student Award,

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

### Rashini Jayaratne

University of California–San Diego, BS University of California–San Diego, MS Internal Medicine Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles, California

#### **Alexis Jones**

Northwestern University-Evanston, BA

### **Kathryn Jones**

University of Dayton, BS Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine, MS Pediatrics Duke University Medical Center, North Carolina Gold Humanism Honor Society

### Phillip Key

University of South Carolina, BS Urology SUNY at Stony Brook, New York

### Ryan Khalil

Loyola University-Chicago, BS Internal Medicine University of Illinois College of Medicine, Illinois

#### **Adil Khan**

Duke University, BS Pediatrics Emory University School of Medicine, Georgia

# Jin-Ju Kim

University of Virginia, BS Internal Medicine Inova Fairfax Hospital, Virginia

# Yuri Kim

University of Virginia, BS Internal Medicine Central Michigan University College of Medicine, Michigan

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University of Notre Dame, BS Emergency Medicine Orlando Health, Florida

### **Anup Kotadia**

University of Illinois-Chicago, BS University of Illinois-Chicago, MS General Surgery-Preliminary Florida Atlantic University Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, Florida

# Julianna Lautenschleger

University of New Mexico, BA Dartmouth College, MS Pediatrics

Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals, Wisconsin *Outstanding Student Award*,

Department of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine

### **Arianna Letherer**

Kalamazoo College, BA Internal Medicine University of New Mexico School of Medicine, New Mexico Global and Public Health Distinction

# **Christopher Levy**

University of California–Irvine, BS Psychiatry Sunrise Health Graduate Medical Education Consortium, Nevada

# Tong Li

University of California–Los Angeles. BS
Transitional Year
Spectrum Health/Michigan State University
College of Human Medicine, Michigan
Diagnostic Radiology
Loma Linda University, California
Outstanding Student Award, Department of Radiology

### **Zainab Mahmood**

University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, BA Pediatrics University of Florida Health Shands Hospital, Florida

### **Shaan Manawar**

University of Michigan—Ann Arbor, BS Orthopaedic Surgery Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine, Michigan

## Patrick McCreesh III

California Polytechnic State University, BS University of California, MS Internal Medicine Baylor University Medical Center, Texas Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society Gold Humanism Honor Society Leader CLEAR Award

# **Kelsey Miller**

Oberlin College, BA Pathology University of North Carolina Hospitals, North Carolina Outstanding Student Award, Department of Pathology

### **Seth Moffatt**

Michigan State University, BS Orthopaedic Surgery University of Vermont Medical Center, Vermont Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society Outstanding Student Award, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery Dean's Endowed Scholarship

# **Jacob Morton**

Western Michigan University, BS Internal Medicine Beaumont Health–Royal Oak, Michigan Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society John M. Dunn Endowed Scholarship

# Mekala Neelakantan

University of California–San Diego, BS
Pediatrics
University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, Michigan
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society
Outstanding Student Award,
Department of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine
Educator CLEAR Award

### **Alexander Paschke**

University of Wisconsin, BBA Internal Medicine University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society

### **Keshav Patel**

Michigan State University, BS Johns Hopkins University, MS Internal Medicine University of Illinois College of Medicine, Illinois

# **Shivum Patel**

Illinois Wesleyan University, BA Internal Medicine Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals, Wisconsin

# Joaquin Peralta

University of Oregon Clark D. Honors College, BS
Emergency Medicine
University of North Carolina Hospitals, North Carolina
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society
Outstanding Student Award, Department of Emergency Medicine
Society for Academic Emergency Medicine
2021 Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award

# Jessica Ramsay

Ohio State University, BS Pediatrics Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Upjohn Humanism Honor Society

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University of Central Florida, BS Tufts University, MS General Surgery Central Michigan University College of Medicine, Michigan

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Oakland University, BS Internal Medicine University of Michigan Hospital, Michigan Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society Gold Humanism Honor Society Clinician CLEAR Award James R. Ryan Family Foundation Scholarship

# Brinda Ryali

University of California–San Diego, BS Medicine-Pediatrics Rush University Medical Center, Illinois Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society Global and Public Health Distinction

### **Jasmine Saeedian**

University of California–Los Angeles, BA Internal Medicine Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles, California Well-Being in Medicine Distinction

### Paya Sarraf

Northwestern University-Evanston, BA University of Cincinnati, MS Internal Medicine University of Illinois College of Medicine, Illinois

#### Jessica Sassic

Pennsylvania State University, BS

### Hailee St. Louis

Wayne State University, BS Pathology University of California San Diego Medical Center, California Outstanding Student Award, Department of Pathology

#### **Christine Stevens**

University of California–Santa Cruz, BS Neurology Barrow Neurological Institute at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, Arizona

# Lauren Strzyzewski

University of South Carolina Columbia, BS Obstetrics and Gynecology Advocate Health Care, Illinois

# Stephanie Szczesniak

University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, BS Diagnostic Radiology Henry Ford Hospital, Michigan

### **Claire Tanager**

Earlham College, BA Pediatrics Nationwide Children's Hospital, Ohio Gold Humanism Honor Society Advocate CLEAR Award

### **Erinn Ton**

University of California–Los Angeles, BS Transitional Year Sunrise Health Graduate Medical Education Consortium, Nevada Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Baylor College of Medicine, Texas

### **Natasha Trainer**

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University of California–Berkeley, BA Internal Medicine University of California Davis Medical Center, California Gold Humanism Honor Society

### **Taylor Tribett**

Brigham Young University, BS Anesthesiology Nuvance Health, New York Outstanding Student Award, Department of Anesthesiology

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University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, BS
University of California–Berkeley, MPH
Pediatrics
Spectrum Health/Michigan State University
College of Human Medicine, Michigan
Global and Public Health Distinction

### **Anna Vertido**

University of Washington, BS General Surgery University of California San Francisco East Bay, California Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society

### **William Wames**

University of Pennsylvania, BA
Drexel University School of Public Health, MPH
Drexel University College of Medicine, MS
General Surgery
Western Michigan University
Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine, Michigan

#### **Daniel Waters**

Lee Honors College–Western Michigan University, BS Psychiatry Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine, Michigan Outstanding Student Award, Department of Psychiatry John M. Dunn Endowed Scholarship

### **Cameron Werner**

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# Information About Our Virtual Commencement Ceremony

We hope you will utilize the comments section on Facebook to offer congratulations, applaud, and come together virtually.

Be sure to share photos of your gatherings on Facebook and Instagram using #WMed2021.

Please visit med.wmich.edu/graduation for additional details, links, and photos following the ceremony.

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At the December 8, 2011, WMU Board of Trustees meeting, William U. Parfet, then the chair and chief executive officer of MPI Research and the great-grandson of Dr. W.E. Upjohn, donated a seven-story, 330,000 square-foot building to Western Michigan University to be used for the new medical school. The facility and surrounding property was named the **W.E. Upjohn M.D. Campus** in honor of Dr. Upjohn.

On March 11, 2014, the new medical school was named **Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine** in memory of Dr. Homer Stryker, a WMU alumnus and founder of Stryker Corporation. The naming fulfilled the wishes of the donors of the \$100 million foundational gift—Stryker's granddaughter, Ronda Stryker, and her husband, William D. Johnston, a WMU trustee.



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