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:

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<td>Prashant Patel, DO</td>
<td>Outstanding Clinical Science Educator</td>
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## Commencement Traditions

_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.
Commencement
Class of 2021
May 15, 2021 · 2:00 p.m.

Order of Exercises

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
Tycho K. Fredericks, PhD, Program Chief

Master of Science in Medical Engineering
Timothy A. Garrow, PhD, Program Director

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 CONFERAL
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  
Western Michigan University, BS

Mitchell Kenter  
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

Pooja 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

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

Katelyn King  
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

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

Lucas Rich  
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  
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Neurology  
Barrow Neurological Institute at  
St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center, Arizona

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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
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.