

Dear honored graduates, families and colleagues,

The year 2020 is certainly not one that we will soon forget. As the global COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, so must our practices with respect to physical gatherings. Our inability to gather to congratulate the University of South Alabama College of Medicine (USACOM) Class of 2020 on their accomplishments does not diminish our pride with which we send them across the nation to begin practicing the art of medicine. The significance of their residency matches, awards/scholarships, change in military rank, Alpha Omega Alpha election and Gold Humanism selection is every bit as meaningful to us in the COM and USA Health as every other COM class which preceded them.

We hope that you will enjoy this printed program which delineates the COM Class of 2020 Award recipients and the listing of their residency appointments. Additionally, the program contains the Hippocratic Oath. Although we could not gather in person, Dr. John Marymont, Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean, College of Medicine administered this time honored Oath to the Class of 2020 via Zoom on May 8, 2020. The Oath reminds us of the duties which lay ahead of these graduates as they begin their medical practice.

In closing, to the graduates, thank you for your years of dedication to the pursuit of excellence; to the families, thank you for sharing these young men and women with us and allowing us to be part of their narrative; and to our colleagues in the healthcare profession, please welcome the COM Class of 2020 into your ranks.

Sincerely,

John V. Marymont, M.D., M.B.A.
Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, USA College of Medicine

T. J. Hundley, Jr., M.D.
Associate Dean Medical Education
USA College of Medicine

Kelly P. Roveda, M.D.
Associate Dean Student Affairs
USA College of Medicine

Award Recipients

- Dean's Award..... Davis Copeland Diamond
Awarded to the graduating senior who has accumulated the highest scholastic grade-point average for the full four years of medical school.
- Merck Award..... Travis Bedsole Goodloe III
Daniel Philip Zieman
Awarded to senior students who have demonstrated superior academic achievement.
- Glasgow-Rubin Achievement Citations.....Erin Savanna Bouska
Presented to those women students who graduate in the top ten percent of their class.
- Dr. Robert A. Kreisberg Endowed Award of Excellence.....Maria Siow
Awarded to a graduating senior student in the top 25% of the class who is distinguished in both the clinical and basic sciences. This student has demonstrated superior leadership and integrity, possesses a strong work ethic, and has performed in such a way as to earn the respect of his or her fellow students and faculty.
- The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award.....Michael Patrick Steadman
Nicolette Holliday, M.D.
Presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to the senior student and to the faculty member nominated and selected by the senior class who have demonstrated outstanding compassion to patients and their families.
- Medical Alumni Leadership Award.....Tyler Joseph Kaelin
Awarded to the senior student by vote of classmates, in recognition of outstanding leadership of the graduating class.
- Excellence in Public Health Award Supraja R. Sridhar
Presented by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Public Health Service to recognize the medical student who has demonstrated a commitment to public health and public health practice and has exhibited leadership and hard work with a passion and dedication to public health within the medical profession.
- Community Service Award..... Supraja R. Sridhar
Jeremy R. Towns
Presented by the Medical Society of Mobile County to two senior medical students whose classmates believe best fulfill the ideals of humanitarian public service as demonstrated by superior awareness of, and achievement in, civic and community programs.
- SNMA Leadership AwardDestini Aliyah Smith
Awarded by the Student National Medical Association to a graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding community, school, and organizational service and leadership qualities.
- Ritha Baliga Memorial Medical ScholarshipErin Savanna Bouska
Awarded to an outstanding senior student who demonstrates a merit ranking within the top 50% of the class and is interested in pursuing a career in Pediatric Health Care.

- Dr. Richard William Gurich Memorial Endowed ScholarshipHannah Marie Ficarino
Awarded to a graduating senior student who has not only performed at the highest level during the third and fourth year, but has also demonstrated efficacy in patient relations and professionalism.
- Dr. William James Atkinson, Jr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship
.....Michael Patrick Steadman
Presented to a fourth year medical student exhibiting exemplary character, possessing a dedication to the field of medicine, and demonstrating a commitment to compassionate patient care. This student is interested in primary care and plans to practice in the state of Alabama.
- Dr. Joseph G. Hardin, Jr. Memorial Scholarship..... William Berney Caine Nicolson
Awarded to a graduating senior student who is interested in pursuing a career in Internal Medicine.
- John A. Desak AwardKristin Nicole Sheehan
In honor of USA College of Medicine graduate Dr. Maryella Sirmon's father, this award is presented to the highest ranking female in the graduating class who has accepted a residency in Internal Medicine.
- Steven Karl Teplick, M.D., FARC Memorial Award..... William Chase Wiggins
Awarded to a graduating senior student specializing in Radiology and committed to lifelong learning as exemplified by Dr. Steven Teplick.
- Outstanding Student in the Pre-clerkship Curriculum.....Davis Copeland Diamond
Awarded to a graduating senior student for outstanding performance in the pre-clerkship curriculum.
- Award for Excellence in Teaching Clinical Skills.....Maria Siow
Awarded to a graduating senior student for outstanding teaching skills and student mentoring in the Clinical Skills program. This student has demonstrated a dedication to education in the field of Clinical Skills.
- Clinical Pharmacology Excellence AwardPatricia R. Connor
Presented to a graduating senior student for demonstrating outstanding knowledge in basic and clinical pharmacology.
- Hollis J. Wiseman Award for Excellence in PediatricsMaria Siow
Presented to the student who best exemplified Dr. Wiseman's outstanding scholarship, compassion for patients and families, involvement in the profession and community, enthusiasm for exploration and steadfast love of family, friends and colleagues.
- Samuel Eichold AwardNatalie Jean Hargrave
Presented to the graduating medical student who through scholarship, patient care, interaction with faculty and housestaff, and motivation, has demonstrated outstanding achievement in Internal Medicine.
- Dr. Michael M. Linder Endowed Award Elisabeth May Potts
Awarded to a senior student who has accepted a residency in Family Medicine and exemplifies a commitment to family medicine, as practiced by Dr. Michael Linder, through astute clinical acumen based on the knowledge of the human body and evidence-based medicine. This student possesses a passion for teaching this knowledge and the

art of family medicine to others, and demonstrates courage to do what is best for the whole patient and their family.

- **Ralph Denny Wright and Anne G. Wright Memorial Scholarship**..... Elisabeth May Potts
Awarded to the senior student focusing on Internal Medicine/Family Practice, who strives to become a compassionate physician and skilled diagnostician as exemplified by Dr. Wright.
- **John W. Donald Memorial Award in Surgery**Matthew A. Kassels
Awarded to the senior student who best demonstrated clinical and academic excellence in the Surgery clerkship.
- **H. C. Mullins, M.D. Award**..... Elisabeth May Potts
Awarded by the faculty of the Department of Family Medicine to the graduating senior who demonstrated excellence in the ability to apply principles, practice, and philosophy of family medicine in caring for patients and their families. This award is given in honor of Dr. H. C. Mullins, Professor Emeritus and Founding Chair of the Department.
- **Obstetrics and Gynecology Award**.....Hayden Hamby Kassels
Presented to the graduating medical student who, through scholarship, patient care, interaction with faculty and housestaff, and motivation, has demonstrated excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology.
- **Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award**..... Travis Bedsole Goodloe III
This award is presented by the Department of Emergency Medicine to recognize the graduating senior student who demonstrated outstanding performance and academic excellence in Emergency Medicine.
- **Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM) Award**..... Benjamin Wade Gibson
Presented on behalf of SAEM to the graduating medical student who has demonstrated excellence and academic proficiency in Emergency Medicine.
- **Excellence in Psychiatry Award**Taylor Bartlett Ousley
Presented to the graduating medical student who through scholarship, patient care, motivation, and interaction with faculty and housestaff, has demonstrated excellence in Psychiatry.
- **AAN Medical Student Prize for Excellence in Neurology Award**Destini Aliyah Smith
Awarded to the medical student who exemplifies outstanding scientific achievement and clinical acumen in Neurology or Neuroscience, and outstanding personal qualities of integrity, compassion, and leadership.
- **Faculty Awards:**
 - Best Pre-Clerkship Module.....Respiratory
 - Best Pre-Clerkship Educator(s)..... Brian Fouty, M.D.
Troy Stevens, Ph.D.
 - Best M3 Clerkship..... Internal Medicine
 - Best Clerkship Educator Linda Ding, M.D.

***Candidates for the Degree of
DOCTOR OF MEDICINE
and
Their Residency Appointments***



Dylan Scott Adams†
Neurological Surgery
University of Vermont Medical Center – Burlington, Vermont

Justin Richard Beasley
General Surgery
University of Tennessee College of Medicine – Chattanooga, Tennessee

Erin Savanna Bouska*▲
Pediatrics
Children's Hospital – Los Angeles, California

Hunter Rodney Childers
Internal Medicine
Brookwood Baptist Health – Birmingham, Alabama

Zachary Kyle Clark
Internal Medicine
University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

Patricia R. Connor
Pathology
University of Arkansas College of Medicine – Little Rock, Arkansas

Joseph Michael Cortopassi, Jr.*▲
Emergency Medicine
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

Shawn Michael Deas
Anesthesiology
University Hospitals – Jackson, Mississippi

Davis Copeland Diamond*
Transitional Year (2020)
WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center – Marietta, Georgia
Dermatology (2021)
Medical College of Georgia – Augusta, Georgia

Aaron Jacob Dinerman*▲
General Surgery
Baylor University Medical Center – Dallas, Texas

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▲Arnold P. Gold Humanism Honor Society

†Research with Honors

Heath Dennison Donahue
Family Medicine
University of Alabama School of Medicine – Huntsville, Alabama

Grady Luke Edge II
Internal Medicine
Virginia Commonwealth University Health System – Richmond, Virginia

Hannah Marie Ficarino*
General Surgery
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

Dennis Gene Foster III
Surgery-Preliminary
Emory School of Medicine – Atlanta, Georgia

John Henry Friend IV
Medicine-Preliminary/Ophthalmology
LSU School of Medicine – New Orleans, Louisiana

Benjamin Wade Gibson
Emergency Medicine
LSU School of Medicine – Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Travis Bedsole Goodloe III*
Emergency Medicine
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

Natalie Jean Hargrave
Internal Medicine
University of Kentucky Medical Center – Lexington, Kentucky

Bradley Daily Harris
Pediatrics
Carolinas Medical Center – Charlotte, North Carolina

Robert Tyler Harvell
General Surgery
Northeast Georgia Medical Center – Gainesville, Georgia

Breanna Shiree Heard-Pinho
Family Medicine
University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

Bonnie E. Holley▲
General Surgery
Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation – La Crosse, Wisconsin

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Whitney Smith Hotsinpiller
Transitional Year (2020)
Brookwood Baptist Health – Birmingham, Alabama
Radiation Oncology (2021)
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

DeJarra Caprii Johnson
Neurology
St. Joseph's Hospital – Phoenix, Arizona

Caleb Judge
Internal Medicine
University of Tennessee Health Science Center – Memphis, Tennessee

Tyler Joseph Kaelin*▲
General Surgery
University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

Hayden Hamby Kassels
Obstetrics & Gynecology
University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

Matthew A. Kassels
Surgery-Preliminary
University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

Seth J. Lamb
Pediatrics
Children's Mercy Hospital – Kansas City, Missouri

Cade Hallmark Loftin
Psychiatry
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

Michael Montgomery Marfice†
Family Medicine
South Baldwin Regional Medical Center – Foley, Alabama

Will Aaron Martin*
Anesthesiology
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center – Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Benjamin J. McCormick
Internal Medicine
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education – Jacksonville, Florida

Tanner Harrison McGill
Emergency Medicine
University of Florida College of Medicine – Gainesville, Florida

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†Research with Honors

Malik K. J. McMullin
Internal Medicine/Pediatrics
University of Louisville School of Medicine – Louisville, Kentucky

Ryan Patrick Miller
Transitional Year (2020)
WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center – Marietta, Georgia
Diagnostic Radiology (2021)
Memorial Health/University Medical Center – Savannah, Georgia

Andrew Hairston Mims
Internal Medicine
University of Tennessee College of Medicine – Chattanooga, Tennessee

Samanta Mukkamala
Family Medicine
Lewis Gale Medical Center – Roanoke, Virginia

William Berney Caine Nicolson
Internal Medicine
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

Robert Joshua Ousley
Internal Medicine
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

Taylor Bartlett Ousley
Psychiatry
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

Rekha Paladugu
Masters of Science in Clinical Research Methods
Tulane University Health Science Center – New Orleans, Louisiana

Anu Pandit
Internal Medicine
University of Chicago Medical Center – Chicago, Illinois

Sasank Raheel Peramsetty
Family Medicine
University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine – Tampa, Florida

Elisabeth May Potts▲
Family Medicine
Womack Army Medical Center – Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Lucas Blumer Ramsey
Internal Medicine
Abbott Northwestern Hospital – Minneapolis, Minnesota

Jazmin Chanél Scott
Psychiatry
Tripler Army Medical Center – Honolulu, Hawaii

Kristin Nicole Sheehan
Internal Medicine
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center – Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Maria Siow*▲
Internal Medicine/Pediatrics
University of Cincinnati Medical Center – Cincinnati, Ohio

Destini Aliyah Smith▲
Child Neurology
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

Jorden Eileen Smith
Internal Medicine
University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine – Tampa, Florida

Supraja R. Sridhar
Internal Medicine
LSU School of Medicine – New Orleans, Louisiana

Michael Patrick Steadman*▲
Internal Medicine
Vanderbilt University Medical Center – Nashville, Tennessee

Anna Caroline Stevens
General Surgery
Cooper Medical School of Rowan Univ./Cooper University Hospital – Camden, New Jersey

Sara Anne Stringfellow
Obstetrics & Gynecology
University of South Alabama Hospitals - Mobile, Alabama

Earl Chandler Tedder
Surgery-Preliminary
University of South Alabama Hospitals - Mobile, Alabama

Kelsey Anne Templeton
Neurological Surgery
Yale-New Haven Hospital – New Haven, Connecticut

Christopher Martin Tidwell
Internal Medicine
University Hospitals – Jackson, Mississippi

Jeremy R. Towns▲
Emergency Medicine
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

William Chase Wiggins
General Surgery (2020)
Brookwood Baptist Health – Birmingham, Alabama
Diagnostic Radiology (2021)
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

Kelsea Cheyenne Wright
Anesthesiology
Baylor-Scott & White – Temple, Texas

Aubrey Paige Young
Neurology
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

Patrick Graham Young
Orthopaedic Surgery
University of South Alabama Hospitals - Mobile, Alabama

Taylor Whitman Young
Emergency Medicine
Prisma Health-Upstate/University of SC School of Medicine – Greenville, South Carolina

Ellen Yilin Zhou
Anesthesiology
Rush University Medical Center – Chicago, Illinois

Daniel Philip Zieman*
Dermatology
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education – Jacksonville, Florida

Hippocratic Oath



I do solemnly swear by that which I hold most sacred:

That I will be loyal to the Profession of Medicine, and just and generous to its Members.

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

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

That, holding myself aloof from wrong, from corruption, from the tempting of others to vice,

I will exercise my Art solely for the cure of my patient,

and will give no drug, perform no operation for a criminal purpose, even if solicited, far less suggest it.

That whatsoever I shall see or hear of the lives of men which is not fitting to be spoken, I will keep inviolably secret.

These things do I promise.

And in proportion as I am faithful to this, my oath, may happiness and good repute be ever mine.

In the opposite if I shall be foresworn.

Scholarship Recipients

COM Dean's Scholarship

Erin Bouska Hunter Childers
Davis Diamond Tyler Kaelin
Michael Marfice Benjamin McCormick
Robert Ousley Taylor Ousley
Supraja Sridhar Kelsey Templeton
Kelsea Wright

COM Enrichment Award

Breanna Heard-Pinho DeJarra Johnson
Malik McMullin Destini Smith
Jeremy Towns

Charlotte H. and Samuel Eichold Scholarship

Joseph Cortopassi Aaron Dinerman
Will Martin Robert Ousley
Anna Stevens

Medical Alumni Scholar Award

Justin Beasley Whitney Smith
William Nicolson M. Patrick Steadman

Crampton Trust

Elisabeth Potts Jordan Smith
Christopher Tidwell

Dr. Thomas J. Wool Endowed Scholarship

Lucas Ramsey

Thaddeus H. Waterman Scholarship

M. Patrick Steadman Daniel Zieman

Ralph B. Chandler Scholarship

Travis Goodloe III

William S. McKnight Scholarship

William Nicolson Lucas Ramsey

USA Medical Faculty Guild Mendenhall Scholarship

Joseph Cortopassi

Regan Robinson-Young Memorial Scholarship

Aaron Dinerman Malik McMullin

Daniel F. Sullivan Memorial Scholarship in Pediatrics

Seth Lamb

Donna B. Ledet Memorial Scholarship

M. Patrick Steadman

L. W. Cave Family Endowed Scholarship

Hannah Ficarino

William Nicolson

Mark K. McDonald Memorial Fund

Davis Diamond

Mr. & Mrs. Mendel P. Goldstein Memorial Scholarship

Heath Donahue

Cope Memorial Scholarship

Travis Goodloe III

Stephanie A. Marsh Medical Scholarship

Travis Goodloe

Robert E. Russell Memorial Scholarship

Aaron Dinerman

Virginia Webb Endowment

John Friend IV

Christian Grinaker Memorial Scholarship

Bonnie Holley

AΩA Scholarship

Davis Diamond

Semple Family Endowed Scholarship

Maria Siow

Taylor-Davis Scholarship

Dylan Adams

Drs. Ron & Vicky Franks Scholarship Endowment

Maria Siow