Commencement Program

Dean's Welcome  Guy L. Reed, MD, MS
President's Welcome  Robert C. Robbins, MD
Regent's Welcome  Larry Edward Penley
Stuart D. Flynn, MD, Master Educator Award  Guy L. Reed, MD, MS
Student Address  Zana Alattar
Commencement Address  Cara M. Christ, MD, MS
Hooding Ceremony  Katie Brite, MD, Paul Standley, PhD, Susan Kaib, MD
Presentation of Candidates  Steven A. Lieberman, MD
Conferal of Degrees  Robert C. Robbins, MD
Reading of Class Oath  Led by Zana Alattar and Paulo Castañeda
Closing Remarks  Guy L. Reed, MD, MS
Alma Mater  College of Medicine – Phoenix Student Choir
Surrounded by high-rise office buildings, sports complexes and the state’s seat of government, the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix has become one of the most watched and celebrated developments in downtown Phoenix. This year’s graduating class is the tenth group of physicians to study four years on the Phoenix campus. The College admitted its inaugural class of first-year medical students in August 2007 and is celebrating its 13th anniversary this year.

As early as 1983, medical students at the UArizona College of Medicine completed required clerkships in internal medicine, pediatrics, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology and family medicine, as well as clinical electives in the Phoenix area. In 1992, a Phoenix program was officially established, allowing third- and fourth-year UArizona medical students to complete rotations at affiliated hospitals in Phoenix. Since opening its doors as a four-year academic medical center – the first allopathic medical school in Phoenix – the College has graduated 590 physicians. Each physician embodies the College’s core values of collaboration, community, diversity, excellence, innovation, integrity and servant leadership.

In 2015, the College became the institutional sponsor of more than 25 Graduate Medical Education programs with more than 300 residents and fellows. Based at Banner – University Medical Center Phoenix the residency programs include family medicine, surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, cardiology, neurology, psychiatry and medical toxicology, among many others.

In 2017, the College was awarded full accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education. Throughout students’ four years in medical school, they are exposed to a variety of clinical programs that not only advance their careers as future physicians, but also improve the health and education of the Phoenix community and across Arizona. More than 2,235 faculty members prepare students to be competitive in residency programs and to practice cutting-edge medicine in this ever-changing health care environment. Students have the opportunity to train at nine clinical sites as an extension of the College’s affiliated partnerships with Banner Health, Abrazo Community Health Network, Phoenix Children’s Hospital, Valleywise Health, St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center, HonorHealth, Mayo Clinic, Hospice of the Valley and the Phoenix VA Health Care System.

Internationally recognized faculty at the College conduct research focused on improving the health and well-being of Arizona and beyond. The College has a profound culture of servant leadership woven through all aspects of the students’ medical school journey. This culture will continue to be an integral and unique characteristic of the UArizona College of Medicine – Phoenix identity. The College’s outreach and influence has continually expanded. Those efforts translate into care for underserved populations and rural areas of the state. The College has made efforts to give children of all ages an introduction to the wonders of medicine and to encourage the advantages of a healthy lifestyle through educational lectures and community programs.
HISTORY OF THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Commencement exercises at American universities and colleges traditionally are composed of three essential elements: the academic procession, the conferring of degrees and the commencement address. This practice has been codified since 1895, when a national conference on academic costume and ceremony was proposed and a plan known initially as the “Intercollegiate System” was formally adopted. The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania incorporated this code in the Statutes of the University in November 1896. Now under the aegis of the American Council on Education, the “Academic Costume Code and Academic Ceremony Guide” was revised in 1932 and 1960.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The color of the velvet edging on the hood and gown indicates the degree. The hood is lined with the colors of the institution that confers the degree. The University of Arizona colors are red and blue. The designation for College of Medicine graduates is green. Students from the inaugural Pathway Scholars Program are signified by a green cord.

GONFALONS

The gonfalon is a long flag or banner of medieval origin often suspended from a crossbar. Gonfalons are traditional components of the academic ceremonies that lend color and dignity to processions and stages. In academia, gonfalons represent colleges. They incorporate symbolic images and often utilize the faculty colors of the discipline. Unity among a school’s colleges, as members of the larger university, is demonstrated by the application of school colors on the banners. The gonfalons for the University of Arizona colleges are displayed around the platform during the ceremony.

UARIZONA COLLEGE OF MEDICINE – PHOENIX 2020 CLASS OATH

We, the University of Arizona College of Medicine - Phoenix Class of two thousand twenty, commit to our calling as physicians through the fulfillment of this oath:

• I will hold the care of my patients as a privilege and sacred trust, honoring their dignity, individuality, and vulnerability. I pledge to empower my patients and their families to be stewards of their health, learning from them as they learn from me. I will demonstrate empathy as I transcend personal bias, alleviate suffering, and promote health.

• I am grateful for the unwavering support of family, friends, and mentors whose sacrifices helped me pursue this path. In return, I will honor the importance of their contributions to my character.

• I vow to serve as a leader and mentor in my community, addressing health disparities, and pursuing advocacy, especially for those with a voice not heard. I will foster an environment of mutual respect and collaboration in pursuit of excellent patient care. In tradition, I aspire to “cure sometimes, relieve often, comfort always.”

• I will remember the honor it is to practice medicine and the passion that inspired this journey. I resolve to acknowledge my limitations as opportunities for continual growth. I will maintain my well-being, as it is vital to my ability to care for patients.

• As the tenth entering class, we acknowledge the foundation upon which our education rests and thank those who have worked to establish this institution as a place of excellence and innovation. We pledge to uphold this unique legacy and mentor those who follow us.

We, the Class of two thousand twenty, with integrity, humility, and compassion, devote the best of ourselves to the betterment of others.
HONORED GUESTS

Robert C. Robbins, MD
President
The University of Arizona

Michael D. Dake, MD
Senior Vice President, Health Sciences
The University of Arizona

Cara M. Christ, MD, MS
Director
Arizona Department of Health Services

Guy L. Reed, MD, MS
Dean
The University of Arizona
College of Medicine – Phoenix

Steven A. Lieberman, MD
Senior Associate Dean, Academic Affairs
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Katie Brite, MD
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Clinical and Competency-Based Education
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Associate Dean, Admissions & Recruitment
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Associate Dean, Curricular Affairs & Program Evaluation
The University of Arizona
College of Medicine – Phoenix

CLASS OF 2020 – DOCTOR OF MEDICINE

The information listed below represents the graduate’s name, residency match, specialty match and scholarly project title.

Zoha Ahmed
Global Health | Certificate of Distinction
Johns Hopkins All Childrens Hosp-FL
Pediatrics
The Effects of Type of Antenatal and Delivery Care Providers on Breastfeeding in South and Southeast Asia Countries

Zana Alattar
Global Health | Certificate of Distinction
U Arizona COM-Phoenix, AZ
Surgery-General
An Assessment of the Prevalence and Degree of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in Syrian refugees in Arizona

Angelica Estella Almader-Ruiz
NYU Grossman School Of Medicine-NY
Pediatrics
HRV-C’s Impact on Pediatric Cystic Fibrosis Patients

Dario A. Alvarez Rey
Rural Health | Certificate of Distinction
U Texas Southwestern Med Sch-Dallas, TX
Pediatrics
Distance Active Learning in the Family and Community Medicine Clerkship Curriculum: Assessing Rural vs Urban Placed Medical Students

Rachel Antol
John Peter Smith Hosp-TX
Emergency Medicine
Opioid Prescribing Patterns After Implementation of a Physician Prescribing Monitoring Program in Valley Emergency Departments

Ashley Azizi Assadi
Community Service | Certificate of Distinction
U Arizona COM-Tucson, AZ
Pediatrics
Predictors of Iron Overload and Decrease in Ferritin Values Over Time in Childhood Cancer Survivors
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Megan Elizabeth Burke
LSU SOM-New Orleans-LA
Orthopaedic Surgery
The Accuracy of an EKG for Predicting Left Ventricular Hypertrophy: Correlation with BMI, Systolic Blood Pressure, and Heart Rate, a Retrospective Data Analysis

Matthew A. Burnham
University of Hawaii, HI
Orthopaedic Surgery
Guns and Kids: Treatment of Pediatric Firearm and Air Gun Missile Injuries in the Emergency Department

Jenna C. Callaway
Global Health | Certificate of Distinction
Phoenix Childrens Hospital-AZ
Pediatries
Humanitarian Organizations’ Impact in Treating Congenital Heart Disease in Underserved Regions

Amy Capone
Detroit Med Ctr/NSU-MI
Emergency Medicine
The Impact of Language: Assertive Call-Taking Improves Rates of Bystander CPR

David James Casper
U Arizona COM-Phoenix, AZ
Medicine-Preliminary
Creighton Univ Affl Hosps-AZ
Radiology-Diagnostic
Pulmonary Computed Tomography Findings of Coccioidiomycosis Infection in Patients with HIV/AIDS: A Retrospective Case Series of 14 Patients in a Vulnerable Population

Paulo Castañeda
U Arizona COM-Phoenix, AZ
Orthopaedic Surgery
Determination of Tobramycin and Vancomycin Exposure Required to Eradicate Biofilms on Muscle and Bone Tissue In Vivo

Yanet Cora Kopnina
U New Mexico SOM, NM
Family Medicine
Clinical and Demographic Features of Burn Patients at Arizona Burn Center ED

Kaylee de Tranaltes
U Arizona COM-Phoenix, AZ
Family Medicine
Disaster Medicine Curriculum: Determining a Need

Jason DeWitt
U Tennessee Health Sci Ctr-Memphis, TN
Plastic Surgery (Integrated)
Trends in Surgical Management of Congenital Lung Malformations in the United States

Jocelyn Christine Di Nolfi
Master of Public Health
Santa Barbara Cottage Hosp-CA
Surgery-General
Retrospective Review of the Four-Year Trend of Immunosuppression Coverage and Personal Belief Exemption Among Marin County Kindergarten and Sixth-Grade Students

Bibiniz Eghtedari
Master of Public Health
Harbor-UCLA Med Ctr-CA
Internal Medicine
NPO Duration and Post-EGD Outcomes

Martha Esparza
U Arizona COM-Tucson, AZ
Family Medicine
Covariates Associated with the Likelihood of Matching in Varying Competitiveness with Step Scores ≥220

Fatima Esquivel
Phoenix Childrens Hospital-AZ
Pediatrics
Is Low Health Literacy Related to Pregnancy Intention?

Agnes Ntube Ewongwo
Master of Public Health
Tucson Hospitals Medical Education Program, AZ
Radiation Oncology
Real World Experience of Poly (ADP-ribose) Polymerase Inhibitor Use in a Community Oncology Practice

Bethany Kay Farretta
Phoenix Childrens Hospital-AZ
Pediatrics
Study of Factors Contributing to Scorpion Envenemation in Arizona

Chase Matthew Fitzgerald
UC Davis Med Ctr-CA
Anesthesiology
A Lab-Based Exploration of Whether Fibroblasts Response to a Scratch Injury Assay Can Act as an In Vitro Predictive Measurement for In Vivo Healing Times

Veronica So Fox
Vanderbilt Univ Med Ctr-TN
Obstetrics and Gynecology
Assessing the Role of Adjuvant Radiation Therapy and Risk Factors for Recurrence Following Gross Total Resection of Atypical Meninngiomas

Monica Gomez Lopez
Global Health | Certificate of Distinction
Valley Health System-NV
Emergency Medicine
What Are the Factors Involved in the Higher Than Anticipated Cesarean Section Rate in China Compared to the Ideal Cesarean Section Rate the World Health Organization has Established, Using Fear of Labor Pain, Maternal Request and Physician’s Bias as Primary Outcomes

Matthew Taylor Gulbrandsen
Loma Linda University-CA
Orthopaedic Surgery
10-Year Epidemiology of Ankle Injuries in Men’s and Women’s Collegiate Soccer Players

Justin Nicholas Hamman
Global Health | Certificate of Distinction
U Arizona COM-Phoenix, AZ
Surgery
Epidemiology of Surgically Correctable Gastrointestinal Disease Among Neonates in Cape Town, South Africa

Maryam Hockley
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Valley Childrens Healthcare-CA
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Transitional Year
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Ophthalmology
Provider Variability in Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy Utilization Among Medicare Beneficiaries in the United States

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Master of Public Health
UC Davis Med Ctr-CA
Family Medicine
Pediatric Primary Headache Sensitivity to Weather Variables

Daniel Salevitz
Mayo Clinic-AZ
Urology
Telephone Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation After Pediatric Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest: An Analysis of the Process Measures, Outcomes, and Barriers to Delivery

Amber Melanie Sandoval
U Arizona COM-Phoenix, AZ
Surgery-General
3D Volumetric Measurement of Normal Pediatric Livers: Creating a Reference Database and Predictive Model

Kelby Laurel Schaeffer
Creighton Univ AFH Hosp-AZ
Emergency Medicine
Effects of a Workplace Sedentary Behavior Intervention on Sleep in Office Workers with Sleep Complaints: Results from the Stand and Move at Work Trial

Elzada Sercus
Rural Health | Certificate of Distinction
Carolinas Med Ctr-NC
Emergency Medicine
Emergency Telemedicine Supported by Onsite Emergency Responder Technicians Reduces EMS Transports, Hospitalizations, and Total Patient Costs from Skilled Nursing Facility

Bhavesh Prakash Shukla
Creighton Univ AFH Hosp-AZ
Internal Medicine
Higher Socioeconomic Status is Associated with Decreased Risk of Admission After Ambulatory Surgery

Nuria Sisterna
U Arizona COM-Phoenix, AZ
Internal Medicine
A Culturally Informed Educational Program to Promote Sexual Health and Well-Being Among Refugee Women

Alexia Rae Tatem
Creighton Univ AFH Hosp-AZ
Emergency Medicine
Participation in a Comprehensive Lifestyle Program and the Effects on Quality of Life and Cognitive Function in Elderly Adults

Jeffrey K. Wang
Kaiser Permanente-Oakland-CA
Internal Medicine
Current Trends in Creatine Use Rates Among the Adolescent Athletic Population

Shannon Christine Wheeler
University of Nebraska Med Ctr, NE
Otolaryngology
Evaluating Narrative Operative Reports for Endoscopic Sinus Surgery in a Residency Training Program

Emily Elise Wolfenden
Master of Public Health
University of Utah Health, UT
Family Medicine
Strong Start for Mothers and Newborns: Impact on OB Triage Visits

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Medicine-Preliminary
U Louisville SOM-KY
Dermatology
Phytopharmaceuticals: Evaluating Factors Affecting Outcomes in Pediatric Patients

Jaimei Zhang
Master of Public Health
U North Carolina Hospitals, NC
Family Medicine
Experiences of Mistreatment During Medical School: Does Specialty Choice Matter?
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Pulmonary, Renal Acid-Base  
Director  
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Neurological Sciences

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Curricular Co-Director  
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ALMA MATER

All Hail, Arizona!
Words by E.C. Monroe, 1917; Music by Dorothy Monroe, 1920

All Hail, Arizona! Thy colors red and blue
Stand as a symbol of our love for you.
All Hail, Arizona! To thee we’ll e’er be true
We’ll watch o’er and keep you,
All Hail! All Hail!

Share your commencement memories at #UAZMEDPHX

This program is not an official record of graduation from the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix. The Arizona Board of Regents officially grants the degree of Doctor of Medicine on the date ending the academic semester in which degree requirements are completed, which for the Spring Semester of this year will be May 6, 2020.