

Forty-Third Annual

HONORS CONVOCATION

**Friday, May 4, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.
Mitchell Center**

Processional

Introduction..... Susan P. LeDoux, Ph.D.
Associate Dean for Medical Education and Student Affairs

Welcome..... John V. Marymont, M.D., MBA
Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean of the College of Medicine

Alumni Welcome William E. Blaylock, M.D.
President, USA Medical Alumni Association
Class of 1989

Address to the Class Leander Grimm, Jr., M.D.
Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery

Response from the Class..... Alan Akira

Presentation of Awards..... Susan P. LeDoux, Ph.D.

Hoarding of Graduates Susan P. LeDoux, Ph.D.

John V. Marymont, M.D., MBA

Military Oath of Office..... Colonel Sidney B. Brevard
USAF (Retired)

Administration of the Hippocratic Oath John V. Marymont, M.D., MBA

Acknowledgment of AQA members, Gold Humanism Honor Society members,
and Scholarship Recipients Kelly Roveda, M.D.
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs
Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology

Acknowledgment of Red Sash Faculty Kelly Roveda, M.D.

Concluding Remarks Susan P. LeDoux, Ph.D.

Recessional

*A reception for students, guests, and faculty
will follow the program at the Globe*

Award Recipients

- Dean's Award..... Charles Alexander Wiles
Awarded to the graduating senior who has accumulated the highest scholastic grade-point average for the full four years of medical school.
- Merck Award..... Stephen Longshore Ambrose
Austin Thomas Brown
Awarded to senior students who have demonstrated superior academic achievement.
- Glasgow-Rubin Achievement Citations..... Sarah Kristin Cassity
Rebecca Adair Young
Presented to those women students who graduate in the top ten percent of their class.
- Dr. Robert A. Kreisberg Endowed Award of Excellence..... Charles Alexander Wiles
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..... Katherine Elizabeth Glosemeyer
Leander Grimm, Jr., 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..... Alan Akira
Awarded to the senior student by vote of classmates, in recognition of outstanding leadership of the graduating class.
- ProAssurance Award..... Adam Michael Powell
Presented to a senior medical student who plans to remain in Alabama for residency and who excels in patient communication.
- Community Service Award..... Winston Murphree Crute
Adam Michael Powell
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 Award Alexandria Lynelle Broadnax
Yasmine L. C. Strickland
Awarded by the Student National Medical Association to a graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding community, school, and organizational service and leadership qualities.
- Adele Mantipliy and Gerald Galle Pediatric
Endowed Scholarship..... Kelly Ann Gilreath
Awarded to a graduating senior student who has accepted a position in a pediatric residency program at the University of South Alabama and intends to practice pediatrics in Mobile and/or Baldwin Counties.

- Ritha Baliga Memorial Medical ScholarshipAdam Michael Powell
Awarded to an outstanding student who demonstrates a merit ranking within the top 25% of the class (junior or sophomore standing) preferably interested in pursuing a career in Pediatric Health Care.
- Dr. Richard William Gurich Memorial Endowed Scholarship Sarah Kristin Cassity
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 ScholarshipCharles Alexander Wiles
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.
- John A. Desak Award Katherine Elizabeth Glosemeyer
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.....John Chandler Van Dyke
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..... Sarah Kristin Cassity
Awarded to a graduating senior student for outstanding performance in the pre-clerkship curriculum.
- Award for Excellence in Teaching Clinical Skills..... Daniel Douglas Johnson
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.
- Award for Excellence in Curriculum Development
in Clinical Skills Katherine Elizabeth Glosemeyer
Awarded to a graduating senior student for outstanding skills in Educational Design and Curriculum Development of the Clinical Skills Program.
- Pharmacology & Therapeutics AwardMichael Heath Haggard
Presented to a graduating senior student for demonstrating outstanding knowledge in basic and clinical pharmacology.
- Hollis J. Wiseman Award for Excellence in PediatricsLauren Elizabeth Nelson
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 Award.....Charles Alexander Wiles
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.
- Ralph Denny Wright and Anne G. Wright Memorial Scholarship.....Amy Marie Traylor
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.
- The Orthopaedic Excellence AwardDaniel Douglas Johnson
This award is presented to the graduating medical student who best personifies the compassion, selflessness, and tireless work ethic of Drs. Anderson, McBryde and Meyer. This student has shown excellence above all peers during their Orthopaedic rotations.
- John W. Donald Memorial Award in SurgeryGregory Scott Van Wagner
Awarded to the senior student who best demonstrated clinical and academic excellence in the Surgery clerkship.
- H. C. Mullins, M.D. Award.....Kaitlyn Crow Littleton
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.....Sarah Kristin Cassity
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.....Austin Thomas Brown
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) AwardTyler James Goldbach
Presented on behalf of SAEM to the graduating medical student who has demonstrated excellence and academic proficiency in Emergency Medicine.
- Excellence in Psychiatry AwardDavid Botros Rizk
Presented to the graduating medical student who through scholarship, patient care, motivation, and interaction with faculty and housestaff, has demonstrated excellence in Psychiatry.
- American Academy of Neurology (AAN) AwardBriana Joy Moore
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.....Alan Akira

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



Alan Akira**

Psychiatry

Rush University Medical Center - Chicago, Illinois

Stephen Longshore Ambrose*

Medicine-Preliminary (2018)

University of South Alabama Hospitals - Mobile, Alabama

Ophthalmology (2019)

University of Kansas - Kansas City, Kansas

Leith Omar Bayazid*

Otolaryngology

University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine - Tampa, Florida

Kirasten Germayne Brasfield

Family Medicine

Self Regional Healthcare - Greenwood, South Carolina

Thomas Cameron Brimer

Internal Medicine

University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine - Tampa, Florida

Alexandria Lynelle Broadnax

Pediatrics

University of Tennessee College of Medicine - Memphis, Tennessee

Austin Thomas Brown*

Emergency Medicine

University of Tennessee College of Medicine - Chattanooga, Tennessee

Kaitlyn Marie Brown

Pediatrics

University of South Alabama Hospitals - Mobile, Alabama

Otis Hendon Brunson IV

Internal Medicine

University Hospital - Jackson, Mississippi

Benjamin Andrew Bush

Obstetrics & Gynecology

Memorial Health University Medical Center - Savannah, Georgia

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Dillon Walker Casey
Emergency Medicine
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center - Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Sarah Kristin Cassity* **
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Virginia Commonwealth University Health System - Richmond, Virginia

William Clifton Crittenden
Family Medicine
University of South Alabama Hospitals - Mobile, Alabama

Winston Murphree Crute**
Surgery-Preliminary (2018)
Urology (2019)
University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine - Knoxville, Tennessee

James Evan Davidson
Internal Medicine
Medical College of Georgia - Augusta, Georgia

Cody Lynn Davis
Internal Medicine
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center - Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Michelle Ghandhi Degen
Pediatrics
University of Louisville School of Medicine - Louisville, Kentucky

Kyle James Duncan
Emergency Medicine
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center - Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Darren Scott Ferree**
Emergency Medicine
University of Tennessee St. Thomas Hospitals - Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Christopher Blair Gaines
Emergency Medicine
Jackson Memorial Hospital - Miami, Florida

Thomas Jonathan Jackson George
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Tulane University School of Medicine - New Orleans, Louisiana

Kelly Ann Gilreath
Pediatrics
University of South Alabama Hospitals - Mobile, Alabama

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Katherine Elizabeth Glosemeyer**
Internal Medicine
University of Alabama School of Medicine - Huntsville, Alabama

Tyler James Goldbach
Emergency Medicine
Palmetto Health Richland - Columbia, South Carolina

Michael Heath Haggard*
Internal Medicine
U. S. Air Force - San Antonio, Texas

William Johnson Hardy III
General Surgery
University of South Alabama Hospitals - Mobile, Alabama

Richard Eric Huettemann, Jr.*
General Surgery
Medical University of South Carolina - Charleston, South Carolina

Justin Edward Hughes
General Surgery
East Tennessee State University - Johnson City, Tennessee

Daniel Douglas Johnson
Orthopaedic Surgery
United States Navy - Portsmouth, Virginia

Justin Kung Jong
General Surgery
University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine - Knoxville, Tennessee

Danielle Elizabeth Keyes
Internal Medicine
University of Chicago Medical Center - Chicago, Illinois

Mohini Krishnan
Pediatrics
Phoenix Children's Hospital - Phoenix, Arizona

Samantha Yu-Shan Lin
Pediatrics
University of Maryland Medical Center - Baltimore, Maryland

Lindsay J. Lindsey
General Surgery
University of Oklahoma College of Medicine - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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Kaitlyn Crow Littleton
Family Medicine
St. Vincent's East - Birmingham, Alabama

Jordan Elizabeth Lowery
Pathology - Anatomic and Clinical
University of South Alabama Hospitals - Mobile, Alabama

Thomas Henry Lunsford
Internal Medicine
University of North Carolina Hospitals - Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Allison Aiko Marsh
Family Medicine
St. Mary's Medical Center SCL Health - Grand Junction, Colorado

Michael Loudon Marshall
Psychiatry
University of South Alabama Hospitals - Mobile, Alabama

Olivia Cassie Means*
Plastic Surgery (Integrated)
Spectrum Health/Michigan State University - Grand Rapids, Michigan

Briana Joy Moore
Neurology
Loma Linda University - Loma Linda, California

Jonathan Charles Moore
Diagnostic Radiology
University of Arkansas College of Medicine - Little Rock, Arkansas

Divya Nadella
Internal Medicine
University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine - Tampa, Florida

Lauren Elizabeth Nelson**
Pediatrics
St. Christopher's Hospital - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

John Kirkwood Nicholson
General Surgery
United States Navy - Bethesda, Maryland

Jordan Taylor Nickols
Internal Medicine/Pediatrics
University of South Carolina School of Medicine - Greenville, South Carolina

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Martha Frances O’Hea
Obstetrics & Gynecology
University of Alabama Medical Center - Birmingham, Alabama

Elliott Gordon Pennington
Anesthesiology
University Hospital - Jackson, Mississippi

Lam Ngoc Pham
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Tulane University School of Medicine - New Orleans, Louisiana

Vantel Jean Phillips
Pediatrics
Loma Linda University - Loma Linda, California

Adam Michael Powell* **
Pediatrics
University of Alabama Medical Center - Birmingham, Alabama

Matthew Aaron Prévost
Orthopaedic Surgery
Medical College of Georgia - Augusta, Georgia

Haylie Elizabeth Reed
General Surgery
University of Arkansas College of Medicine - Little Rock, Arkansas

David Botros Rizk
Psychiatry
Rush University Medical Center - Chicago, Illinois

Tory Katelin Saunders
Internal Medicine/Pediatrics
University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine - Tampa, Florida

Alexandria Chase Sims
Anesthesiology
University of North Carolina Hospitals - Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Lauren Sarah Smith
Family Medicine
Floyd Medical Center - Rome, Georgia

Amber Elizabeth Souers
Pathology-Anatomic and Clinical
Tulane University School of Medicine - New Orleans, Louisiana

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David Lloyd Steadman*
Psychiatry
Vanderbilt University Medical Center - Nashville, Tennessee

Yasmine L. C. Strickland
Family Medicine
University of Alabama School of Medicine - Huntsville, Alabama

Elizabeth Anne Terry*
Internal Medicine
Barnes-Jewish Hospital - St. Louis, Missouri

Ashton Wheeler Todd**
Pediatrics
University of South Alabama Hospitals - Mobile, Alabama

Amy Marie Traylor
Family Medicine
University of Texas Health Science Center - Sulphur Springs, Texas

Joy Marie Underwood
Internal Medicine
University of Tennessee St. Thomas Hospitals - Nashville, Tennessee

John Chandler Van Dyke*
Medicine-Preliminary (2018)
Interventional Radiology (2019)
Louisiana State University School of Medicine - New Orleans, Louisiana

Gregory Scott Van Wagner
Emergency Medicine
Thomas Jefferson University - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Richard Ashton Vautier
Internal Medicine
University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine - Tampa, Florida

Mary Morgan Weed**
Obstetrics & Gynecology
University of Oklahoma College of Medicine - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Charles Alexander Wiles* **
Internal Medicine
Vanderbilt University Medical Center - Nashville, Tennessee

Samuel Clay Wilson
Emergency Medicine
University of Oklahoma College of Medicine - Tulsa, Oklahoma

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William Caleb Wilson
Psychiatry
University of Oklahoma College of Medicine - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Robert Miller Wright
Pediatrics
University of Tennessee College of Medicine - Memphis, Tennessee

Rebecca Adair Young*
General Surgery
Louisiana State University School of Medicine - New Orleans, Louisiana

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 Merit Scholarship

Darren Ferree Divya Nadella
Adam Powell Haylie Reed
Joy Underwood

COM Dean's Achievement Scholarship

Kirasten Brasfield Alexandria Broadnax
Blair Gaines Daniel Johnson
Vantel Phillips Yasmine Strickland
Ashton Todd

Charlotte H. and Samuel Eichold Scholarship

Stephen Ambrose Sarah Cassity
David Steadman J. Chandler Van Dyke
Rebecca Young

Dr. Thomas J. Wool Endowed Scholarship

J. Chandler Van Dyke Rebecca Young

Ralph B. Chandler Scholarship

Alexandria Sims Thomas Lunsford

McGraw-Hill/Lange Medical Student Award

Michael Haggard Lauren Smith

Daniel F. Sullivan Memorial Scholarship in Pediatrics

Lauren Nelson

USA Medical Faculty Guild Mendenhall Scholarship

Austin Brown

Mr. & Mrs. Mendel P. Goldstein Memorial Scholarship

Lauren Smith

Stephanie A. Marsh Medical Scholarship

Rebecca Young

Clyde G. "Sid" Huggins Endowed Scholarship

Danielle Keyes

Barbara Corcoran Endowed Award

Alan Akira

AΩA Scholarship

Sarah Cassity

Medical Alumni Scholar Award

Stephen Ambrose

Regan Robinson-Young Memorial Scholarship

David Rizk

Thaddeus H. Waterman Scholarship

Austin Brown

C. Alexander Wiles

William S. McKnight Scholarship

Leith Bayazid

Richard Huettemann

L. W. Cave Family Endowed Scholarship

Kelly Gilreath

Richard Huettemann

Donna B. Ledet Memorial Scholarship

Kyle Duncan

Mark K. McDonald Memorial Scholarship

J. Chandler Van Dyke

Cope Memorial Scholarship

Sarah Cassity

Taylor-Davis Scholarship

Katherine Glosemeyer

Lester Sockwell Scholarship

Jordan Nickols

Virginia Webb Endowment

David Steadman

Christian Grinaker Memorial Scholarship

Winston Crute

Semple Family Endowed Scholarship

Katherine Glosemeyer

Crampton Trust

Kyle Duncan

Jordan Nickols

Amy Traylor

The Honors Convocation Colors

Academic Colors

Faculty holding Doctoral level degrees wear a specific color on the front band of their hood (and sometimes the front band of their gown) denoting the type of doctoral degree they possess. Most College of Medicine faculty wear Green (Medicine), Dark Blue (Philosophy), or Light Blue (Education).

American universities followed the traditions of the European universities and adopted their own colors. As an example, the blue and crimson of the University of Kansas were chosen because the original faculty were divided equally between those wearing the blue of Yale and the crimson of Harvard. The gold and silver colors of the University of Colorado symbolize the mineral wealth which financed the university. The University of South Alabama is routinely referred to by its initials USA; consequently, the national colors of red, white, and blue were also adopted for our College. The University colors appear on the inside of each Doctoral hood, but can be clearly seen as the faculty pass in the aisle.

Honor Designations

Scarlet Sash -The seniors selected those members of the faculty who had the most meaningful input into their medical education. Faculty so honored wear a scarlet stole over their academic regalia. One extra special recognition was made from this group of faculty. The class selected Dr. Leander Grimm to give the farewell charge to the class during this Honors Convocation.

Gold Cord -Members of the class selected by their peers to the Arnold P. Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) wear the gold cord. GHHS honors medical students, residents, role-model physician teachers and other exemplars for demonstrated excellence in patient care, compassion and dedication to service. The Society is committed to working beyond medical education to inspire, nurture and sustain lifelong advocates for patient-centered medical care.

Green & Gold Cord - Members of the class who were elected to Alpha Omega Alpha (ΑΩΑ), the national medical honorary scholastic society, wear a green and gold cord over their academic regalia. The Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, founded in 1902, is the only honor society for medicine in the United States. The Alabama Beta Chapter of this organization elects members based on academic performance, character, leadership, professionalism and high attainment in medical science and the practice of medicine.

