# **National and Chapter news**

## AΩA Board of Directors installs new officers and members

At the conclusion of its 2025 annual meeting in October, the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society Board of Directors installed its 2025/2026 Officers.

### **President**



Peter W. Bates, MD ( $A\Omega A$ , University of Washington School of Medicine, 1976) joined the Tufts University School of Medicine (TUSM) community in 2008 as founding academic dean for Maine Medical Center's Maine Track Program with the School of Medicine. He concurrently served

as senior vice president of academic affairs and chief academic officer at Maine Medical Center, where prior to that he was chief medical officer and chair of Medicine. In July 2019, Dr. Bates assumed the role of vice dean at Tufts School of Medicine and served as dean ad interim from January 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

### **President Elect**



Lynne Kirk, MD, MACP (AΩA, University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine, 1977) served the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) as its first Chief Accreditation Officer. Dr. Kirk retired in 2024.

Additionally, Dr. Kirk is Professor Emeritus of Internal Medicine and Family and Community Medicine at University of Texas Southwestern. A UT Southwestern faculty member for 30 years, Dr. Kirk has served as Director of the Student Health Service, Associate Dean for Medical Education and Graduate Medical Education, and Associate Chief of the Division of General Internal Medicine. Her research focused on clinical prevention, geriatrics, and medical education.

### **Immediate Past President**



Atul Grover, MD, PhD is the Founder of Academic Health, LLC and he is the immediate past  $A\Omega A$  Board President, an  $A\Omega A$  Executive Committee member, and a member of *The Pharos* Editorial Board. Dr. Grover is a Visiting Scholar at Stanford University School of Medicine, an

internal medicine physician, health services researcher, and nationally recognized expert in health policy. Dr. Grover also holds faculty appointments at GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Before 2025, he most recently founded the Research and Action Institute, a think tank focused on health policy established within the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). In two decades with the AAMC, he also served as Executive Vice President and Chief Public Policy Officer and was the primary voice of academic health systems during the crafting and passage of the Affordable Care Act.

### Secretary/Treasurer



Oluwaferanmi (Feranmi) Oyedeji Okanlami, MD, MS ( $A\Omega A$ , University of Michigan Medical School, 2019, Faculty) is the Director of Student Accessibility and Accommodation Services at the University of Michigan, where he oversees the office of Services for Students

with Disabilities, two Testing Accommodation Centers, and the Adaptive Sports & Fitness Program. He is also an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, and Urology at Michigan Medicine, and an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

Nationally, he serves as the Disability Issues representative for the Group on Diversity and Inclusion at the Association of American Medical Colleges, sits on the National Medical Association's Council on Medical Legislation, and was asked by the White House Office of Public Engagement to participate in the Health Equity Leaders Roundtable Series.

# 2025 Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teachers Award recipients announced

In partnership with the Association of American Medical Colleges, Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society has announced the recipients of the Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teachers. This year's award recipients are:

### Melissa Fischer, MD, MEd



As associate vice provost for interprofessional and instructional innovation at the University of Massachusetts T.H. Chan School of Medicine at UMass Chan Medical School in Worcester, Massachusetts, Melissa Fischer, MD, MEd, has spent more than 20 years building an institutional structure that

supports collaboration and the growth of interprofessional education. Dr. Fischer developed UMass Chan SOM's first core curriculum, ensuring all students directly engage with critical topics, such as managing medical errors and end-of-life decision-making. With a focus on team-based problem-solving in consequential situations, Dr. Fischer has created programs and sessions that engage and inspire learners to achieve more together. Her innovations extend to mock electronic medical records, virtual reality training, and a standardized, patient-based program for safe opioid prescribing that encourages learners to collaborate with providers and teams from across the health care spectrum. She has authored 35 peer-reviewed journal articles in prestigious publications, including JAMA, Academic Medicine, and Medical Education. And as an internationally invited speaker, Dr. Fischer has delivered numerous plenaries, large- and small-group talks, and workshops disseminating the breadth of her education portfolio.

### **David Harris, PhD**



Since joining the University of Central Florida College of Medicine (UCF College of Medicine) in 2011, David Harris, PhD, professor of medical education, has been a formative figure in the lives of more than 1,300 medical students. Serving as lead educator

for cardiac and respiratory physiology, Dr. Harris has significantly enhanced students' educational experiences and academic success by employing active learning strategies that foster engagement, critical thinking, and deep learning. Dr. Harris has designed and integrated high-fidelity simulations into the first- and secondyear curricula, helping teach students who are learning foundational medical sciences the importance of keeping the patient at the center of every interaction. In addition to supporting students, Dr. Harris also plays a key role in supporting his peers while serving on the Board of Directors for the International Association of Medical Science Educators. In his current role as editor-in-chief for Medical Science Educator, Dr. Harris has developed the inaugural Editorial Board Fellowship, whereby he mentors and trains three junior faculty fellows. He has also served as associate editor for several publications, including Advances in Physiology Education and BMC Medical Education.

### Lisa Willett, MD, MACM, FACP



For 25 years, Lisa Willett, MD, MACM, FACP ( $A\Omega A$ , University of Alabama Birmingham, School of Medicine, 1996)—an internist, professor, and executive vice chair of the department of medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine

(UAB Heersink SOM)—has made an indelible impact on medical students, residents, and faculty. As associate program director from 2002 to 2012 and director from 2012 to 2022 of the Tinsley Harrison Internal Medicine Residency Program, Dr. Willett mentored and supported more than 800 young physicians through their residency journeys. During that time, she developed multiple clinical rotations, including an inpatient oncology service and outpatient urgent care clinic so that students and residents could have more diverse clinical experiences. Over the years, Dr. Willett has received numerous awards, including earning the UAB Top 10 Teacher Award for Excellence in Teaching 20 times; the 2025 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the UAB Medical Alumni Association; and the 2024 Ellen Gregg Ingalls/ UAB National Alumni Society Award for Lifetime Achievement in Teaching, the highest award for teaching presented by the university.

### Sherine E. Salib, MD



Throughout her career, Sherine E. Salib, MD, professor of internal medicine at the University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School (Dell Med), has excelled in both the practice and instruction of medicine. Dr. Salib began serving as an inpatient supervising attending for University of Texas Medical Branch

students completing their internal medicine clerkships in Austin in 2005, and in 2010, she became clerkship director. When Dell Med enrolled its first undergraduate class in 2016, Dr. Salib became the school's clerkship director, and in 2019, the department of internal medicine named her undergraduate medical education director then co-associate chair of education in 2022. She subsequently took on the role of associate chair of faculty academic affairs and faculty development. In addition to her ever-increasing undergraduate medical education leadership responsibilities, Dr. Salib has also served as an inpatient and outpatient teaching attending physician at Dell Med. No stranger to honors, Dr. Salib has received Dell Med's Clinical Learning Environment Award every year since the award was launched six years ago, as well as the Excellence in Teaching Award in 2021, among others.

# Academic year 2024 A $\Omega$ A fellowship, grant, and award recipients

A lpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society has 13 national fellowships, grants, and awards for which it appropriates more than \$2 million annually.

### **Chapter Support Award**

James Gillespie, Weill Cornell Medical College

**James Kittinger,** Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine

**Claudia Kubnick,** Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine

**Tyler Lockman,** University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine

**Valerie Poulson,** University of Kansas School of Medicine

### Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellowship

Ward Alktaish, Class of 2027, Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine

Association of e-cigarette use on cardiovascular health in young adults using a mobile health platform

Mentor: Naomi Hamburg, MD, MS

Councilor: Elizabeth S. Yellen, MD (AΩA, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 2002)

Sarah Amjad, Class of 2027, Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine

Machine Learning to Identify Geno-Morphological Features of Germline Nevi

Mentors: Collin M. Costello, MD (AΩA, University of Arizona College of Medicine, 2016) & Ravishankar K. Iyer, PhD

Councilor: Katelyn R. Anderson, MD ( $A\Omega A$ , University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine, 2011)

**Anushree Aneja,** Class of 2027, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

The ICAM1 p.K56M Variant (rs5491), the Association with Adiposity, and Subsequent Risk of Heart Failure

Mentor: Ravi B. Patel, MD, MSc (A $\Omega$ A, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, 2012)

Councilor: Shilajit D. Kundu, MD (A $\Omega$ A, University of Illinois College of Medicine, 2000)

**Markus Anzaldua-Campos,** Class of 2028, Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis

Development of SOX2 TCR-Engineered T-Cell Therapy for Glioblastoma

Mentor: Albert H. Kim, MD, PhD (A $\Omega$ A, NYU Grossman School of Medicine, 2003)

Councilor: Allyson R. Zazulia, MD (A $\Omega$ A, Georgetown University School of Medicine, 1994)

Maya Bassuk, Class of 2028, Sidney Kimmel Medical College Immune Mechanisms Underlying Neurologic Injury in Neonatal Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy

Mentor: Elizabeth Wright-Jin, MD, PhD

Councilor: Gerald A. Isenberg, MD (A $\Omega$ A, Sidney Kimmel Medical College, 2007, Faculty)

Margot Bellon, Class of 2027, Drexel University College of Medicine

Clinician Perspectives on Reproductive Health Counseling for Patients with Multiple Sclerosis: a multi-center survey study

Mentor: Gwendolyn P. Quinn, PhD

Councilor: Jennifer L. Hamilton, MD, PhD (AΩA, Drexel University College of Medicine, 2020, Faculty)

**Gabriela Berner,** Class of 2027, Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center

Evaluating genomic and molecular characteristics of head and neck squamous cancers associated with patient ancestry

Mentors: Thomas J. Ow, MD, MS (AΩA, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, 2004) & Srilakshmi Raj, PhD

Councilors: Dawn M. Wahezi, MD, MS (A $\Omega$ A, University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, 2005) & Jeanie Lee, MD (A $\Omega$ A, Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center, 2024, Faculty) & Joseph M. Kim, MD (A $\Omega$ A, University of California Davis School of Medicine, 2017)

**David Chen,** Class of 2027, University of Colorado School of Medicine

Procedure Type Impacting Perioperative Harm: Analysis of a Nationwide Database

Mentor: Sarah Tevis, MD ( $A\Omega A$ , University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, 2010)

Councilor: Jeffrey R. SooHoo, MD, MBA (A $\Omega$ A, Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, 2009)

**Christa Deban**, Class of 2027, Central Michigan University College of Medicine

Steroid Withdrawal and its Impact on Viral Infection Occurrence and Allograft Survival in Kidney Transplant Patients

Mentor: Jamil Azzi, MD, PhD

Councilor: Wendy S. Biggs, MD (A $\Omega$ A, Baylor College of Medicine, 1989)

Sanjana Dhulipalla, Class of 2027, Albany Medical College Diminished expression of epidermal integrin α3β1 may underlie impaired keratinocyte function and wound re-epithelialization with increased age

Mentor: Whitney M. Longmate, PhD

Councilor: Alexandra R. Paul, MD (AΩA, Albany Medical College, 2017, Resident)

**Lauren Donnelly,** Class of 2027, University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine

Prediction Of Dialysis Access Type in Patients with Advanced Non-Dialysis Dependent Chronic Kidney Disease

Mentor: Csaba P. Kovesdy, MD

Councilor: Sandra Arnold, MD, MSc (A $\Omega$ A, University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine, 1992)

**Elena Eubanks,** Class of 2028, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Dissecting the Role of the MCCC1 Gene in the Pathogenesis of Parkinson's Disease

Mentor: Eleanna Kara, MD, PhD

Councilor: Manish S. Patel, MD (A $\Omega$ A, Eastern Virginia Medical School, 2006, Resident)

**Kassem Farhat,** Class of 2027, American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine

Predicting Coronary Artery Disease: Integrating Optical Coherence Tomography Angiography-Based Deep Learning and Coronary Artery Calcium Scores for Early Detection

Mentor: Shady Awwad, MD (A $\Omega$ A, American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine, 1998)

Councilor: Ghazi Zaatari, MD (A $\Omega$ A, American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine, 1975)

**Christopher J. Fisher,** MSc, Class of 2030, University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

Distinguishing Glioblastoma Pseudoprogression with QSM and qBOLD

Mentor: Junghun Cho, PhD

Councilor: Faye E. Justicia-Linde, MD (A $\Omega$ A, University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, 2005)

**Nicole E. Gladstein,** Class of 2027, SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University

MicroAnywhere: Evaluating A Microsurgery Curriculum and Training Kit for At-Home Training with a Smartphone

Mentor: Peter W. Henderson, MD, MBA

Councilor: Jason M. Lazar, MD, MPH (AΩA, SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Medicine, 1987)

Simon Han, Class of 2027, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine

Developing a Multivariate Clinical Prediction Model for Residual and Recurrent Prostate Cancer After Focal Therapy

Mentor: Abhinav Sidana, MD, MPH (AΩA, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, 2015, Resident)

Councilor: Poj Lysouvakon, MD (A $\Omega$ A, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, 2009, Faculty)

**Isabella Han,** Class of 2027, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine & Science

Co-targeting of DNA methylation and secondary DNA structures in TET loss-of-function driven hematological cancers Mentor: Vipul Shukla, PhD

Councilor: Amy Pabst, MD, MHPE (A $\Omega$ A, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, 1992)

**Shannon Harold,** Class of 2027, University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville

Genetic Clues in 3D: Molecular Models Addressing Breast Cancer Inequities

Mentor: Anna V. Blenda, PhD

Councilor: Robert L. Gates, MD (AΩA, Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, 2000, Resident)

**Christine L. Hathaway,** Class of 2028, University of Washington School of Medicine

Using modeling to estimate the role of screening behavior on Black-White disparities in colorectal cancer outcomes

Mentor: Carolyn M. Rutter, PhD

Councilor: Douglas S. Paauw, MD, MACP (AΩA, University of Michigan Medical School, 1983)

**Sabrina D. Herzberg,** Class of 2028, Robert Larner, M.D. College of Medicine at the University of Vermont *Unraveling the Link Between Melanoma and Type II* 

Mentor: Sancy Leachman, MD, PhD

Diabetes Mellitus

Councilor: Marie B. Sandoval, MD (A $\Omega$ A, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, 1995)

- **Jinpyo Hong,** MBS, Class of 2027, Penn State College of Medicine
- Characterizing a Novel Type of Hybrid Tumor-Associated Neutrophils (TANs): Cellular and Transcriptomic Analysis of Neutrophil and Macrophage Marker Co-expressing Immune Cells
- Mentors: Wei Li, PhD & Brad E. Zacharia, MD, MS (A $\Omega$ A, Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, 2007)
- Councilor: Edward R. Bollard, MD, DDS (A $\Omega$ A, Penn State College of Medicine, 1992)
- **Charles W. Hudson,** Class of 2027, Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine
- Laser Speckle Imaging for Detection and Characterization of CM-AVM Syndrome
- Mentor: Lara Wine Lee, MD, PhD (AΩA, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, 2007)
- Councilor: Christopher Pelic, MD (A $\Omega$ A, College of Medicine and Life Sciences University of Toledo, 2000)
- **Jihwan (Joel) Hwang,** Class of 2028, Saint Louis University School of Medicine
- Modulation of Longevity-Associated Genes Using Antisense Oligonucleotides
- Mentor: Andrew D. Nguyen, PhD
- Councilors: Ramona Behshad, MD (A $\Omega$ A, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, 2007) & Adam Merando, MD (A $\Omega$ A, University of Kansas School of Medicine, 2014, Resident)
- **Nicolas Jo,** Class of 2027, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine at Florida International University
- Associations and Risk of Head and Neck Cancers from Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease
- Mentor: Elizabeth Franzmann, MD
- Councilor: Rebecca L. Toonkel, MD (A $\Omega$ A, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, 2004)
- **Joyce Kang,** Class of 2027, University of California Davis School of Medicine
- Evaluation of Retinal Disease Burden, Screening, and Follow-Up in Underserved Diabetic Patients in Student-Run Free Clinics at University of California Health Systems: the USIGHT program
- Mentor: Glenn Yiu, MD, PhD
- Councilor: W. Suzanne Eidson-Ton, MD, MS (AΩA, University of California Davis School of Medicine, 2013, Faculty)
- **Susan H. Kishi,** Class of 2027, Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California
- The Pharmacokinetics and Retinal Uptake of Intraocularly Delivered Small Extracellular Vesicles
- Mentor: Sun Young Lee, MD, PhD
- Councilor: Glenn T. Ault, MD, MSEd (A $\Omega$ A, Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California, 2002, Resident)

- **Jack Kollings,** Class of 2027, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
- Enhancing Antigen Processing Machinery and Presentation in Merkel Cell Carcinoma Using Optimized Polymeric Nanoparticles
- Mentor: Joel Sunshine, MD, PhD
- Councilors: Rachel Salas, MD, MEd (A $\Omega$ A, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, 2020, Faculty)
- James Y. Lee, Class of 2027, Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell
- Evaluating the Impact of Socioeconomic Status on Pediatric Heart Transplantation Outcomes: A Nationwide Risk-Adjusted Analysis
- Mentor: Michael Ma, MD (A $\Omega$ A, Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, 2010)
- Councilor: Andrea Vambutas, MD (A $\Omega$ A, Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, 2018, Faculty)
- **Rebecca Li,** Class of 2028, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry
- Investigating the Combination of Salinomycin and Ophthalmic Antibiotics in Treating Bacterial Keratitis and Preventing Corneal Scarring
- Mentor: Rachel A.F. Wozniak, MD, PhD
- Councilor: Jane Liesveld, MD (A $\Omega$ A, University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine, 1979)
- **Alex MacDonagh,** Class of 2028, Duke University School of Medicine
- Neuromodulation with stereotactic radiosurgery in a rat opioid use disorder model
- Mentor: Helen Shih, MD, MS, MPH
- Councilor: Edward G. Buckley, MD (AΩA, Duke University School of Medicine, 1994, Alum)
- Mitchell Mead, Class of 2027, University of Michigan Medical School
- Who Sets the Prices? The Impact of Insurer and Health System Market Power on Prices for Surgery
- Mentor: Andrew M. Ibrahim, MD, MSc
- Councilor: Silas P. Norman, MD, MPH ( $A\Omega A$ , Wayne State University School of Medicine, 1995)
- **Isaac Mordukhovich,** Class of 2027, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
- Evaluation of Soluble Biomarkers of Endothelial Injury in Ex Vivo Normothermic Limb Perfusion
- Mentor: Bahar Bassiri Gharb, MD, PhD
- Councilor: David C. Kaelber, MD, PhD, MPH (A $\Omega$ A, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, 2004, Resident)
- **Dulguun Myagmarsuren,** Class of 2027, Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine
- Enhancing a low-cost, comprehensive, and minimally invasive screening test for dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase mutations linked to 5-fluorouracil sensitivity by integrating computational mutation predictions

- Mentors: Carla V. Finkielstein, PhD & Douglas J. Grider, MD (A $\Omega$ A, Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, 2022, Faculty)
- Councilors: Michael S. Nussbaum, MD ( $A\Omega A$ , University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, 2006, Faculty) & Aubrey L. Knight, MD ( $A\Omega A$ , Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, 2019, Faculty)
- **Anjali S. Patel,** Class of 2027, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine
- Preserving cytotoxic function of human natural killer cells by selective inhibition of transforming growth factor beta Mentor: Andrew Wilber, PhD
- Councilor: Martha L. Hlafka, MD (A $\Omega$ A, Southern Illinois

University School of Medicine, 2009)

- **Gopi H. Patel,** Class of 2027, University of Florida College of Medicine
- Clinical Evaluation of First-In-Human Trial of Glioblastoma with 8R-70CAR T Cells
- Mentor: Jianping Huang, MD, PhD
- Councilor: Heather E. Harrell, MD (A $\Omega$ A, University of Florida College of Medicine, 1994)
- **Alexander Pralea**, Class of 2028, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
- Use of Systemic Inflammatory Markers to Replace Chest Radiography in Clinical Decision Making for Adolescents with Tuberculosis
- Mentor: Silvia S. Chiang, MD, ScM
- Councilor: Brittany Star Hampton, MD (A $\Omega$ A, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2017, Faculty)
- **Qianyi (Hazel) Pu,** Class of 2027, Rush Medical College of Rush University
- Mapping the Hyperdirect Pathway: Assessing Subthalamic Nucleus Deep Brain Stimulation Lead Placement and Clinical Outcomes in Parkinson's Disease
- Mentors: Sepehr Sani, MD (A $\Omega$ A, College of Medicine and Life Sciences University of Toledo, 2001) & Konstantinos Arfanakis, PhD
- Councilor: Richard Abrams, MD (A $\Omega$ A, University of Illinois College of Medicine, 1985)
- **Kartik Rachakonda,** Class of 2028, University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine
- Role of Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) on Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) Mortality
- Mentor: Narasaiah Kolliputi, PhD
- Councilor: Catherine M. Lynch, MD (AΩA, University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine, 1990)
- **Marlena M. Ramanis,** Class of 2028, University of California Irvine School of Medicine
- Synovial Gene Expression in Hip Avascular Necrosis and Femoroacetabular Impingement
- Mentor: Dean Wang, MD
- Councilor: Edward C. Kuan, MD, MBA (A $\Omega$ A, University of California Irvine School of Medicine, 2010)

- **Raksha Ramdas,** Class of 2027, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine
- Comprehensive Assessment of Lived Experience and Burnout in Caregivers of Transitioning Young Adults with Childhood Medical Complexity in Alabama: A Mixed Methods Approach
- Mentor: Carlie Stein Somerville, MD (A $\Omega$ A, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, 2013)
- Councilor: Silvio Litovsky, MD (AΩA, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, 2014, Faculty)
- **Shea E. Randall,** Class of 2027, Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine
- Fertility and Family Building in Medical Education: Developing and Assessing a Comprehensive Learning Guide
- Mentor: Christina E. Boots, MD, MSCI (AΩA, Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, 2009)
- Councilor: Theresa Nguyen, MD (A $\Omega$ A, Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, 2020, Faculty)
- **Shawn Reginauld,** Class of 2027, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences
- Evaluation of Novel Tricuspid Valve Repair Strategy within an Ex-Vivo Functional Tricuspid Regurgitation Model
- Mentor: James S. Gammie, MD
- Councilors: Alan G. Wasserman, MD (A $\Omega$ A, MCP Hahnemann, 1972) & Angelike Liappis, MD (A $\Omega$ A, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 1999, Resident)
- **Jacob S. Rozowsky,** Class of 2030, NYU Grossman School of Medicine
- Mechanisms underlying APOBEC3A mutagenesis in cancer Mentor: Mia Petljak, PhD
- Councilor: Rafael Rivera Jr, MD, MBA (AΩA, NYU Grossman School of Medicine, 2023, Faculty)
- **Tabassum Sami,** Class of 2027, City University of New York School of Medicine
- The Use of Artificial Intelligence Algorithm in Optimizing mpMRI Guided Biopsies
- Mentor: Daniel J.A. Margolis, MD
- Councilor: Carmen R. Green, MD ( $A\Omega A$ , Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, 1989, Resident)
- Joaquim Diego David Santos, Class of 2028, Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine
- Validation and Integrated Analysis of a New Mitochondrial Myopathy Patient-Reported Outcome Measure
- Mentor: Zarazuela Zolkipli-Cunningham, MBChB
- Councilor: Margrit Shoemaker, MD (A $\Omega$ A, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, 1983)
- **Syed A. Sarwar,** Class of 2028, Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine of Florida Atlantic University
- Development of a Computer Vision Neural Network for Quantitative Tremor Monitoring During MRI-Guided High Intensity Focused Ultrasound

Mentor: Shabbar F. Danish, MD (A $\Omega$ A, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, 2001)

Councilor: Lisa C. Martinez, MD (A $\Omega$ A, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, 2007)

Malay Shah, Class of 2028, Baylor College of Medicine Investigating the role of hyaluronan in atopic dermatitis pathogenesis

Mentors: Yi Zhu, PhD & Vamsi Varra, MD (A $\Omega$ A, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, 2020)

Councilor: Atul Maheshwari, MD (A $\Omega$ A, Baylor College of Medicine, 2017, Faculty)

**Taylor South,** Class of 2027, University of Mississippi School of Medicine

The Role of ATI-AA and B Cells in Preeclampsia: Phenotypic Outcomes and Impacts on Maternal and Offspring Health Mentor: Babbette LaMarca, PhD

Councilor: S. Calvin Thigpen, MD (A $\Omega$ A, University of Mississippi School of Medicine, 2005)

**Sahibjot Sran,** Class of 2028, The Ohio State University College of Medicine

An Integrative Framework to Investigate Cellular and Network Impacts of Somatic Variants in Focal Cortical Dysplasias

Mentor: Tracy Bedrosian, PhD

Councilor: Sheryl Pfeil, MD, MA ( $A\Omega A$ , The Ohio State University College of Medicine, 1984)

**Kevin Tu, MPhil,** Class of 2028, University of Maryland School of Medicine

Characterizing the tumor microenvironment in glioblastoma and the role of STING in modulating its immune response

Mentor: Zachary Reitman, MD, PhD

Councilors: Erin L. Giudice, MD ( $A\Omega A$ , University of Maryland School of Medicine, 2006, Faculty) & Zaineb H. Makhzoumi, MD, MPH ( $A\Omega A$ , University of Maryland School of Medicine, 2007)

**Mayuri Vaish,** Class of 2027, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School

Investigating the Role of the Unfolded Protein Response in Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma Pathogenesis

Mentor: Benjamin A Nanes, MD, PhD

Councilor: Kevin Klein, MD (A $\Omega$ A, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, 1981)

**Julia Vinagolu-Baur, MBA, MS,** Class of 2028, SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Medicine

Role of Endoplasmic Reticulum Stress in Monocytes as an Early Driver of Autoimmune Dysregulation in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

Mentor: Iwona Koenig-Buskiewicz, PhD

Councilor: Lynn Cleary, MD (A $\Omega$ A, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, 1978)

**Ethan Wong,** Class of 2028, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania

Examining the Antitumor Immune Response in Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma treated with a mutant KRAS inhibitor

Mentor: Robert H. Vonderheide, MD, DPhil

Councilor: Edward T. Dickinson, MD (AΩA, Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University, 1989)

**Jessalyn Yam,** Class of 2027, University of Illinois College of Medicine

Exploration of bis(benzyloxy)benzamide-based Antimalarials Mentor: Paul R. Carlier, PhD

Councilor: Jennifer I. Lim, MD (AΩA, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, 1984)

**Brian Young,** Class of 2027, University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine

Investigating the Genetic Origin of Juvenile Glaucoma in Sub-Saharan Africa

Mentor: John Fingert, MD, PhD

Councilor: Christopher S. Cooper, MD (A $\Omega$ A, University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine, 1990)

**Noor Zaghlula,** Class of 2027, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College

Intraoperative use of an electrical impedance sensing device for in vivo and ex vivo classification of dysplastic and malignant oral tissue

Mentor: Joseph A. Paydarfar, MD

Councilor: Nancy J. McNulty, MD (AΩA, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College, 1994)

**Audrey Zhang,** Class of 2028, Creighton University School of Medicine

Characterizing Acute Pain Signatures Using Time Resolved Spectroscopy

Mentor: Yama Akbari, MD, PhD

Councilor: Ranjan Gupta, MD (A $\Omega$ A, Albany Medical College, 1992)

**Lauren Zhang,** Class of 2028, Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons

The Association of Impaired Language Development with Intrauterine Exposure to SARS-CoV-2

Mentor: Anil K. Lalwani, MD (A $\Omega$ A, University of Michigan Medical School, 1983)

Councilor: Timothy C. Wang, MD (A $\Omega$ A, Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1983)

### Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society Professionalism Award

The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine has developed a forward-thinking professionalism curriculum for post-graduate health professions learners that integrates Health Systems Science (HSS) and Health Humanities (HH). This merged program recognizes professionalism as existing at the intersection of self, systems, and society, and is designed to help learners navigate the challenges of modern health care—including systemic inequities, burnout, and moral injury—by combining critical systems thinking with personal reflection and growth. Through experiential learning and interprofessional collaboration, participants develop key skills in leadership, equity, empathy, and resilience. Initially offered as two distinct tracks, the program was unified in the 2023-2024 academic year into a single, one-year curriculum that includes both synchronous and asynchronous components as well as mentored projects. Open to residents, fellows, and other clinical trainees, the course empowers participants to better understand and influence the health care system while staying grounded in their own values and well-being. The result is a new generation of clinicians who are both system-minded and deeply humanistic in their approach to care.

### Richard L. Byyny Fellow in Leadership

### Susan Ball, MD, MPH, MS, KNN Fellow in

**Leadership** (A $\Omega$ A, City University of New York School of Medicine, 2025, Faculty), is Clinical Professor at the City University of New York (CUNY) School of Medicine, and Professor Emeritus at Weill Cornell Medicine. She has spent more than 20 years caring for patients with HIV in New York City, spending most of her time caring for patients in the clinical setting. Ball graduated from Dartmouth College with a degree in Art History in 1981. She matriculated to Universite Catholique de Lille, Faculte de Medecine (Loos, France), then transferred to the Medical College of Pennsylvania where she earned her MD. After completing her Internal Medicine residency at the State University of New York Upstate Medical Center, she earned a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. Dr. Ball also holds a Master of Science in Narrative Medicine from Columbia University, which she completed in 2011.

Nicole Christian, MD, MSCS, FACS (AΩA, University of Colorado School of Medicine, 2011), is Associate Professor, Surgery-Surgical Oncology, the University of Colorado School of Medicine, and Breast Surgical Oncology, University of Colorado Diane O'Connor Thompson Breast Center. She received an undergraduate degree in History of Science from Harvard University in 2007, and her medical degree from the University of Colorado School of Medicine in 2011. She completed a fellowship in breast surgical oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

Angelike Liappis, MD (AΩA, George Washington University School of medicine and Health Sciences, 1999), is professor, medicine, and microbiology, immunology, and tropical medicine, George Washington University School of Medicine, and attending physician, infectious diseases, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Washington, DC, and co-Councilor, George Washington University Chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. Dr. Liappis received her undergraduate degree from George Mason University, and her medical degree from George Washington University School of Medicine. She is a Fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America.

David Caba Molina, MD, MS, MPH (A $\Omega$ A, Loma Linda University School of Medicine, 2023, Faculty) is Division Chief of Surgical Oncology, Riverside University Health System, and Associate Program Director, Complex General Surgical Oncology Fellowship, Loma Linda University. As chair of the Cancer Committee, he has been integral to driving institutional change, leading accreditation efforts with the American College of Surgeons Committee on Cancer (ACS-CoC) and ensuring that the hospital meets the highest standards in cancer care delivery. He received his medical degree from Universidad Anáhuac School of Medicine in Mexico and completed his residency training at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and subsequently completed fellowship training in surgical oncology at University of Chicago Hospitals. He holds a master's degree in public health from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Graduate School of Public Health. Dr. Caba Molina is a collaborator and investigator for multiple cancer research initiatives in basic science and is involved with clinical trials and translational studies focused on hepatobiliary and gastrointestinal malignancies.

### Helen H. Glaser Student Essay Award

First Place – "To measure in minutes" by **Rowan Magnuson,** Class of 2028, University of Massachusetts T.H. Chan School of Medicine at UMass Chan Medical School

Second Place – "Beyond the bedroom: Advocating for pleasure-centered sexual health education in medicine" by **Reni Forer,** Class of 2026, University of Michigan Medical School

Third Place (tie) – "MAiD: Medical assistance in dying" by **India Burdon Dasbach,** Class of 2025 (A $\Omega$ A, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College, 2025) Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College

Third Place (tie) – "Two wheels, one path: Creating safer streets for a sustainable future" by **Kaveri Curlin**, Class of 2025, University of California Irvine School of Medicine

### Medical Student Service Leadership Project Grant

### Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons

Project title: PUSH for Health: Empowering Communities Through Pick Up Sports and Health Education

Students: Michelle M. Batlle, Ben Baranker, Miles Bomback, Charles Borchers, Madison Conduah, Kevin V. Crosby, Joshua M. Dawson, Menelik Demissie, Keely Fuller, Bing Ho, Thomas Hunt, Harry Liang, Insa M. Mannstadt, Sarahy Martinez, Ralph Alberto-Marmol, Jude T. Okonkwo, Rubyen Nelson, Brendan J. Schwartz, Mansi Shah, Shawn M. Simmons, Tina Y. Ting, Marcela A. Valle, and Nigel C. Wade

Mentor: Julie Glickstein, MD

### Georgetown University School of Medicine

Project title: Bridging Gaps in Dermatologic Care: Early Detection & Intervention for Hair Disorders in Underserved Communities

Students: Raymond Ezzat, Christina Asare, Simone Botts Mentors: Mariya Miteva, MD; Michael A. Cardis, MD

### **New York Medical College**

Project title: Food Insecurity Leadership & Advocacy in Medical Education

Students: Chase Goldberg (A $\Omega$ A, New York Medical College, 2025), Kat Fatehi, Kyla Holbrook, Kenna Martin, Kona Menyonga, Lance Morden, Kaleb Noruzi (A $\Omega$ A, New York Medical College, 2025), Leah Sittenfeld (A $\Omega$ A, New York Medical College, 2025), Elvan Ziyalan

Mentors: Mill Etienne, MD, MPH (A $\Omega$ A, New York Medical College, 2017, Alumni); Amy Ansehl, DNP, RN, MSN; Pamela Ludmer, MD, MMEL (A $\Omega$ A, New York Medical College, 2019, Faculty); Traci Gardner, MD

### **Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School**

Project title: Project RISE-UP: Real, Informed, Sensible, and Empowering Conversations to Understand our Power

Students: Sophia Bhalla (A $\Omega$ A, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, 2026), Samantha Eng (A $\Omega$ A, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, 2026), Jacqueline Erler, Samisha Khangaonkar, Ramita Sajankila, Gabrielle Vicens

Mentors: Gloria A. Bachmann, MD, MMS (A $\Omega$ A, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, 2005, Faculty)

### The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Project title: Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Patient Partners Program

Students: Naser Al-Fawakhiri, Jordan Benderoth, Angel Lee, Jocelyn Mathew, Marissa Mojena, Helen Zhang, Sophia Zhao Mentors: Lia Penn, MD, MHS

### University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine

Project title: Equal Access Birmingham Street Medicine: A Medical Student-Led Initiative to Improve Care for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

Students: Margaret Baldwin (AΩA, University of Alabama

at Birmingham School of Medicine, 2024), Madeline Evans, Phillip McCain, Charlotte McRae (A $\Omega$ A, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, 2024), Karnika Mehrotra

Mentors: Natasha Mehra, MD; Erin Shufflebarger, MD, MSPH (A $\Omega$ A, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, 2025, Faculty)

### University of Kansas School of Medicine

Project title: Development of a Longitudinal Leadership Community within JayDoc Free Clinic

Students: Benjamin Hane, Madeleine Mueller, Evelyn Ruiz-Aguilera, Sarah Strong

Mentors: Allen Greiner, MD, MPH ( $A\Omega A$ , University of Kansas School of Medicine, 1995); Laurel B. Witt, MD, MPhil ( $A\Omega A$ , University of Kansas School of Medicine, 2021, Alumni)

### University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine

Project title: UMKC Cataract-A-Thon

Students: David Morcos (A $\Omega$ A, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine, 2024), Asha Parvathaneni, Jenny Shunyakova, Justin Wu

Mentors: Samantha Herretes, MD (A $\Omega$ A, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine, 2018, Resident); Peter Koulen, PhD; John Foxworth, PharmD (A $\Omega$ A, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine, 2005, Faculty)

### University of South Florida Morsani School of Medicine

Project title: USF Bullpen Health Fair: Empowering Youth Through Health Literacy

Students: Stutee Acharya, Ritu Sidgal, Alisa Vidwans, Melis Yilmaz

Mentors: Jennifer Costa, MD (A $\Omega$ A, University of Florida College of Medicine, 2017)

### Weill Cornell Medical College

Project title: Weill Cornell Students for Harm Reduction: Implementation of a Street Medicine-based Service, Research, and Education Initiative

Student leaders: Celine Chen, Divija Chopra, Lisa Gebien, Samuel McGowen, Gabrielle Ramirez, Nicholas Roberts (A $\Omega$ A, Weill Cornell Medical College, 2025), Alexandria Yap Mentors: Meaghan Coyne, MD; Jonathan Avery, MD

### **Pharos Poetry Competition**

First Place — "Letter to the anatomy student who is assigned my body" by **Rowan Magnuson**, Class of 2028, University of Massachusetts T.H. Chan School of Medicine at UMass Chan Medical School

Second Place — "The photographer" by **Kellen Vu**, Class of 2025, Weill Cornell Medical College

Third Place — "The patient, the physician, the virus" by James Jun-Gyu Hwang, Class of 2028, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School

### Robert H. Moser Essay Award

"Discovering the Social Determinants of Health" by Richard D. deShazo, MD

### **Postgraduate Fellowship**

- **Allen Chen, MD, PhD** (A $\Omega$ A, Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University, 2024) Stanford University School of Medicine
- The Impact of Early Life Stress on Serotonin Neurotransmission and Serotonin Receptor Profile Expression.

Mentor: Robert C. Malenka, PhD

- Nam Van Nguyen, MD (A $\Omega$ A, University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine, 2024), University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine
- Risk Factors and Visual Acuity Outcomes of Optic Nerve Involvement in Patients with Ocular Syphilis at a Tertiary Hospital 2010–2025

Mentor: Steven Yeh, MD

- **Jessica Williams, MD,** Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis
- Listening Beyond Sound: Developing and Evaluating a Deaf-Inclusive Curriculum for Medical Students
- Mentor: Kristina Petersen, PhD (A $\Omega$ A, New York Medical College, 2019, Faculty)

### Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award

- Lily Belfi, MD (AΩA, University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, 2002), Professor of Clinical Radiology, Weill Cornell Medicine
- Daniel Clinchot, MD ( $A\Omega A$ , SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Medicine, 1987), Vice Dean for Education, Associate Vice President for Health Sciences Education, Chair of the Department of Biomedical Education and Anatomy, and Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, The Ohio State University College of Medicine
- Abbas Hyderi, MD, MPH, Vice Dean for Education and Professor of Family Medicine, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, nominated by his previous institution Kaiser Permanente Bernard J. Tyson School of Medicine
- **Kent Vrana, PhD,** Professor of Pharmacology and Chair Emeritus, Director of Medical Marijuana Academic Clinical Research Center, Penn State College of Medicine

### 2025 Visiting Professorship

- Matthew Angelidis, MD, University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, "Emergency Medicine and Surgery Grand Rounds"
- Peter W. Bates, MD (A $\Omega$ A, University of Washington School of Medicine, 1976), City University of New York School of Medicine, "Rural Medical Education for Rural Populations"
- **Rinad Beidas, PhD,** Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University, "My Journey Harnessing Implementation Science to Transform Health and Health care Equitably"
- Christine Cassel, MD (A $\Omega$ A, T.H. Chan School of Medicine at UMass Chan Medical School, 1998, Alumni), Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans School of Medicine, "Open Inquiry and Flourishing in Medicine: We Need to Talk"
- **Lynn M. Cleary, MD** (A $\Omega$ A, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, 1978), New York Medical College, "The Art and Science of How Doctors Think: Past, Present, and Future"
- Wilfredo De Jesús Rojas, MD, MSc (AΩA, Ponce Health Sciences University, 2021, Faculty), Ponce Health Sciences University, "Becoming a Physician-Scientist: Answering Questions from Bench to Bedside"
- Carlos del Rio, MD (A $\Omega$ A, Emory University School of Medicine, 1987, Resident), University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, "Substance Use Disorder and the HIV Epidemic in the US"
- Lawrence Deyton, MSPH, MD ( $A\Omega A$ , George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 2016, Alumni), George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, "A Path to Physician Advocacy, A Path to Professional Balance"
- Kamell R. Eckroth-Bernard, MD, Central Michigan University College of Medicine, "Intentional Recruitment Coalition"
- **Alicia Fernandez, MD,** (AΩA, Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center, 1993) University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, "What Language Barriers Teach Us"
- Jonathan Fisher, MD (A $\Omega$ A, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, 1998), Wake Forest University School of Medicine, "Just One Heart: Preserving Empathy, Compassion, and Humanity in Medicine"
- **David Fleming, MD** (AΩA, University of Missouri School of Medicine, 2006, Alumni), University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine, "Doctor, Please Help me Die"
- Nicholas Flint, MD (A $\Omega$ A, Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine at the University of Utah, 2021), University of Florida College of Medicine, "So You're a Doctor, Now What?"

- Mark Garry, MD (AΩA, Emory University School of Medicine, 1994), University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine, "Demystifying Psychedelic Psychiatry"
- Gareth Gilkey, MD (AΩA, University of Washington School of Medicine, 1964), Indiana University School of Medicine, "Reflections on a Mid 20th Century Internship"
- **Benjamin Gilmer, MD,** Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, "A Creative Path Toward Advocacy"
- Carmen Green, MD (A $\Omega$ A, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, 1989, Resident), Meharry Medical College School of Medicine, "Unequal Burdens and Unparalleled Opportunities"
- Jon Hallberg, MD (AΩA, University of Minnesota Medical School, 2013, Faculty), Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University, "Inseparable"
- James Jeffrey, MD, Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, "What If Any Future for the Global Order: Health as a Twenty-First Century Imperative"
- Woodson "Scott" Jones, MD (AΩA, University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine, 1990), Loma Linda University School of Medicine, "Beyond the Call: Embracing the Second Mile in the Journey of Professionalism"
- Michael Lauria, MD (A $\Omega$ A, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College, 2018), Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College, "Lessons in Leadership, Caring for the Acutely Ill"
- Hillary Lum, MD, PhD (AΩA, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, 2025, Alumni), University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, "Caring Matters: Innovative Practices to Support Family Care Partners of Persons Living with Dementia"
- Yehoda Martei, MD, MSCE, Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine, "Achieving Global Equity in Breast Cancer Care"
- **Augustus Mazzocca, MD,** Creighton University School of Medicine, "Sports Medicine and Leadership"
- **Marilee McBoyle-Wiesner, MD,** University of Kansas School of Medicine, "Pauses on the Mound"
- **James Morgan, MD** (A $\Omega$ A, Tulane University School of Medicine, 2015), Tulane University School of Medicine, "Disability and Medical Practitioners"
- **Vadim Morozov, MD,** University of Maryland School of Medicine, "AI in Medicine and Surgery"
- Barbara Natterson-Horowitz, Md, PhD, John A. Burns School of Medicine University of Hawaii, "Our Patients are Animals, too: Bridging Human and Veterinary Medicine for a Healthier Future"

- Theresa Nguyen, MD ( $A\Omega A$ , Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, 2020, Faculty), University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine, "Street Medicine"
- Kristen Nwanyanwu, MD, MBA, MHS, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, "Visionary Courage: The Bold Journey of a Health Equity Ophthalmologist"
- Jim O'Connell, MD, University of Virginia School of Medicine, "Continuity within Chaos: Caring for Individuals Living Chronically in Shelters and on the Streets"
- Oluwaferanmi Okanlami, MD, MS (AΩA, University of Michigan Medical School, 2019), Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, "Disabusing Disability: Demonstrating that DISability Doesn't Mean INability"
- Sheryl Pfeil, MD ( $A\Omega A$ , The Ohio State University College of Medicine, 1984), University of Washington School of Medicine, "The Three C's of Success in Medicine: Curiosity, Collaboration, and Courage"
- **Erin Pukenas, MD, MBA** (AΩA, West Virgina University School of Medicine, 2025, Alumni), West Virgina University School of Medicine. "Patience and Fortitude"
- Anita Ravi, MD, MPH, MSHP, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, "How to Human: An Illustrated Guide for Future Residents"
- Ajit Sachdeva, MD (AΩA, Drexel University College of Medicine, 1991, Faculty), Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, "Preparation of Medical Students for Surgery Residency Training: Key Considerations; Major Advances"
- **Robert Sackstein, MD, PhD** (A $\Omega$ A, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine at Florida International University, 2019, Faculty), University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine, "The Scientific Method of Miracles"
- Maria Sophocles, MD, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, "Medical Education's Blindspot and How to Fix it"
- Wiley Souba, MD, ScD, MBA (AΩA, University of Texas McGovern Medical School, 1978), Albany Medical College, "Built to Last: The Nuts and Bolts of a Great Department"
- **Srinivasan Suresh, MD, MBA,** University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center College of Medicine, "Generative AI in Pediatrics: Transforming Care, Education, and Research"
- Dana Thompson, MD, MS, MBA ( $A\Omega A$ , University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine, 2009, Alumni), The Ohio State University College of Medicine, "Redefining Value in Health care: Aligning Care with Quality, Equity, and Purpose"

- Esther Torres, MD (A $\Omega$ A, University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, 1996, Faculty), University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, "Inflammatory Bowel Disease Revisited: A Patient-Centered health care Approach"
- Muoi Trinh, MD, Saint Louis University School of Medicine, "Code Green: Achieving ROSC (Resuscitation of Sustainable Care)"
- John "Jay" Wellons, III, MD, MSPH (A $\Omega$ A, Duke University School of Medicine, 2000, Resident), Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Shreveport, "Public Health Advocacy Matters to All Specialties"

### **Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award**

- **Michael J. Barber, MD** (A $\Omega$ A, Baylor College of Medicine, 2025, Faculty), Baylor College of Medicine
- **Raquel Belforti, DO,** T.H. Chan School of Medicine at UMass Chan Medical School
- **Robert G. Bonebrake, MD** (A $\Omega$ A, University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine, 2025, Faculty), University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine
- **Andrew Bozeman, MD** (A $\Omega$ A, Mercer University School of Medicine, 2009, Resident), Mercer University School of Medicine
- Sean Bresnahan, DO (A $\Omega$ A, SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Medicine, 2025, Faculty), SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Medicine
- Caitlin Carroll, MD, Baylor College of Medicine
- Jerome M. Davis, MD ( $A\Omega A$ , University of South Carolina School of Medicine Columbia, 1983, Charter member), University of South Carolina School of Medicine Columbia
- Taj M. Deen, MD, New York Medical College
- **David M. Guernsey, MD,** University of Kansas School of Medicine
- **Kimberly C. Hooper, DO,** The Ohio State University College of Medicine
- **Jeffrey A. Johnson, MD** (AΩA, University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine, 1993), University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine
- **Stanley D. Jones, MD** (A $\Omega$ A, Mercer University School of Medicine, 2023, Alumni), Mercer University School of Medicine
- **Theppanya Keolasy, MD,** Indiana University School of Medicine
- Christopher Kiker, MD ( $A\Omega A$ , Mercer University School of Medicine, 2025, Faculty), Mercer University School of Medicine

- Toby Kirkwood, DO, Baylor College of Medicine
- Jonathan Lawrence, MD (A $\Omega$ A, Mercer University School of Medicine, 2023, Alumni), Mercer University School of Medicine
- **Beverly P. Lee, MD** (A $\Omega$ A, Baylor College of Medicine, 2025, Faculty), Baylor College of Medicine
- **Latasha N. Murphy, MD** ( $A\Omega A$ , University of Maryland School of Medicine, 2025, Alumni), University of Maryland School of Medicine
- **David A. Na'ai, MD** ( $A\Omega A$ , John A. Burns School of Medicine University of Hawaii, 2025, Faculty), John A. Burns School of Medicine University of Hawaii
- Akinkunle Owoso, MD, Ponce Health Sciences University
- Patricia Panakos, MD (A $\Omega$ A, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, 2025, Faculty), University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
- **Angela S. Peng, MD** (A $\Omega$ A, Baylor College of Medicine, 2025, Faculty), Baylor College of Medicine
- **Justin Peterson, MD** ( $A\Omega A$ , Mercer University School of Medicine, 2025, Faculty), Mercer University School of Medicine
- Mark Pisik, MD (AΩA, SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Medicine, 2025, Faculty), SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Medicine
- Wm Maurice Redden, MD, Ponce Health Sciences University
- **Paul S. Rhodes, MD,** George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences
- Hrishikesh V. Samant, MD ( $A\Omega A$ , Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Shreveport, 2025, Faculty), Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Shreveport
- Manish Shah, MD, University of Florida College of Medicine
- Daniel R. Taylor, DO, Drexel University College of Medicine
- **Calvin C. Tran, MD, DDS** (A $\Omega$ A, Baylor College of Medicine, 2025, Faculty), Baylor College of Medicine
- **Cherrell L. Triplett, MD** (AΩA, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, 2025, Faculty), University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine