National and Chapter news

ΑΩΑ Board of Directors installs new officers and members

In conjunction with its 2026 Fall Board meeting in October, the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society Board of Directors installed its 2026/2027 Officers and new Board Members.

Immediate Past President



Peter W. Bates, MD (ΑΩΑ, 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



Lynne Kirk, MD, MACP (ΑΩΑ, 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.

President Elect



Oluwaferanmi (Feranmi) Oyedeji Okanlami, MD, MS (ΑΩΑ, University of Michigan Medical School, 2019, Faculty) is a physician leader at the University of Michigan and UCLA. Some of his passions include medical student education and mentorship, and providing equitable access for people with disabilities, particularly involving access to physical and emotional health and wellness through adaptive sports and fitness opportunities. In 2023, Dr. Okanlami was nominated by President Joe Biden to serve on the President's Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition and speaks around the country on topics related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, including, but not limited to, creating a health system that is accessible to and inclusive of both patients and providers with disabilities, and providing reasonable and appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities in higher education.

Secretary/Treasurer



Sharon Lewis, MD, FAAN, FCCP (ΑΩΑ, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, 2005) is Professor of Neurology at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (CMSRU), Vice Chair of Community Engagement in the Department of Neurology at Cooper University Health Care, and Assistant Dean for Engagement and Community Impact at CMSRU. A specialist in general neurology and neuromuscular medicine, she completed her residency and fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Lewis has a longstanding commitment to medical education, mentorship, community engagement, and expanding pathways into medicine. Her contributions to teaching, mentorship, and clinical care have been recognized with numerous honors, including induction into the University of Pennsylvania Academy of Master Clinicians.

Dr. Lewis graduated cum laude from the University of Miami with a BS in Biology and earned her MD from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

Councilor Representative



Theresa Nguyen, MD (ΑΩΑ, Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, 2020, Faculty) is a Professor of Emergency Medicine and Assistant Dean for Global Initiatives at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. She earned her medical degree from Jefferson and completed an Emergency Medicine residency at Christiana Care Hospital. Her global health experience includes fieldwork in Haiti, Peru, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, and Vietnam, and she holds a Certificate of Knowledge in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers' Health. Dr. Nguyen's clinical and academic work focuses on health equity, particularly care for individuals experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity. She co-founded and serves as Medical Co-Director of Loyola Street Medicine. She is an invited speaker on Street Medicine at national and international levels and was a 2024 AMA Women Physicians Section Inspiration Award honoree.

Organizational Representative



Vidhya Prakash, MD, FACP, FAMWA (ΑΩΑ, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, 2020, Faculty) is the Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs and Population Health and Chief Medical Officer at SIU Medicine in Springfield, Illinois. She is a Professor of Clinical Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases faculty. She received her MD degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Dr. Prakash completed her Internal Medicine residency and Diseases fellowship at the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium. After serving as an Infectious Diseases physician in the United States Air Force for ten years on active duty status, she retired from the military in 2014 and joined SIU School of Medicine. Dr. Prakash is founder and director of SIU Medicine's Alliance for Women in Medicine and Science (AWIMS). She currently serves as Secretary of the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA).

Student Representative



Sophia Dort (ΑΩΑ, University of Virginia School of Medicine, 2026) joins the AΩA Board of Directors as a Student Director from the University of Virginia School of Medicine. Originally from Kansas, she now calls Virginia home. She attended Duke University for her undergraduate studies, where she received a BA in Chemistry and in Classical Languages. At UVA, she has been heavily involved in mentorship, both for younger medical students and for pre-medical undergraduate students. She is also a passionate musician and has been involved with the UVA School of Medicine a cappella group (the Arrhythmics) as a singer, their chamber music group as a pianist, and her church choir. She hopes to pursue an internal medicine residency.

2026 Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher 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:

Shobhina Girish Chheda, MD, MPH



Across her 25-year career at the University of Wisconsin (UW) School of Medicine and Public Health, Shobhina G. Chheda, MD, MPH (ΑΩΑ, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, 2025, Faculty), professor of internal medicine and pediatrics and associate dean for medical education, has had a significant impact overseeing the undergraduate medical curriculum and assessment for hundreds of medical students. Leading the Medical Education Office across statewide clinical training sites in partnership with four major health systems, she directs six core teams comprising

more than 70 faculty and ten professional staff. One of Dr. Chheda's most transformative achievements has been implementing the ForWard Curriculum, the most extensive curricular reform at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health since 1926. Dr. Chheda has authored more than 40 publications on medical education and has been a significant contributor to Aquifer, a nonprofit, virtual learning platform that provides interactive online courses and resources to more than 320 programs in North America and beyond. As current president of the Aquifer Educators Consortium, she is responsible for all aspects of the consortium's membership and strategy and leads editors-in-chief who collectively oversee more than 200 virtual case-based courses.

David Hirsh, MD, FACP



Since launching his career at Harvard Medical School (HMS) in 1995, David Hirsh, MD, FACP, has been a significant contributor to the field of medical education locally, nationally, and internationally. A vital member of the faculty and a guiding light in academic medicine, Dr. Hirsh currently holds several important roles, including professor of medicine, associate dean for undergraduate medical education with the Cambridge Health Alliance, director of HMS' Academy Fellowship in Medical Education and Scholarship, and associate director of the Harvard Medical School Academy. Through wide-ranging scholarship, Dr. Hirsh has advanced the practice and pedagogy of medicine significantly. But his largest contribution has been the co-creation of the Harvard Medical School-Cambridge Integrated Clerkship (CIC). Believed to be the world's first academic, specialist-based longitudinal integrated clerkship, the CIC translates the empirical sciences of learning into educational design. In 2007, Dr. Hirsh co-founded the Consortium for Longitudinal Integrated Clerkships (CLIC), a multinational educational research and advocacy organization. He also created HMS' standardized patient Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs) program, which he directed for 15 years. In that capacity, he co-authored 18 OSCE standardized patient cases, work that has reached more than 2,000 HMS students.

Nadia Ismail, MD, MPH, MEd



Nadia Ismail, MD, MPH, MEd, arrived at Baylor College of Medicine (Baylor) in 2005 as assistant professor of medicine and, since then, has become vice dean of the school of medicine and one of the college's brightest lights in educational leadership and student engagement. As the founding director of the Transitions to Clerkship course, Dr. Ismail has transformed student readiness for core clinical rotations, enrolling nearly 190 students annually. At the institutional level, Dr. Ismail led the first comprehensive curriculum redesign in 25 years while serving as chair of the Curriculum Renewal Working Group. During that process, she guided the development of a vertically integrated, competency-based curriculum and an EPA-aligned program of assessment that now generates more than 20,000 workplace-based assessments annually. Beyond Baylor, Dr. Ismail has penned multiple MedEdPORTAL publications that have collectively been viewed and downloaded more than 13,000 times. This scholarship has informed curriculum design and implementation of science at institutions across the health sciences sector and led to multiple schools asking her to consult on implementing competency-based, integrated curricula.

Julie Anne Kerry, PhD



After 16 years leading a variety of NIH-funded investigations into molecular virology, viral gene regulation, and host-virus interactions, Julie Anne Kerry, PhD (ΑΩΑ, Eastern Virginia Medical School, 2024, Faculty), turned her attention to medical education. Since then, she has had a significant impact on learners, particularly preclerkship students at the Macon & Joan Brock Virginia Health Sciences Eastern Virginia Medical School at Old Dominion University (EVMS). Now the EVMS Foundation Distinguished Professor in Biomedical Sciences, Dr. Kerry also serves as vice chair of faculty development. In these roles, she leverages her research background to bring a methodical, measurable approach to improving the medical school experience, with a particular focus on the first 18 months of medical

school. Her interest in addressing foundational deficiencies in preclerkship learners began in 2016 when she attended the Harvard Macy Institute Program for Educators in Health Professions. There, she led the development of an intervention program for struggling medical learners, which has evolved to become the Proficiency Enhancement Program (PEP) at EVMS, an optional program that runs parallel to the first-year curriculum. Dr. Kerry also served as chair of EVMS' Medical Education Committee from 2014 to 2023, overseeing the development and implementation of the CareForward Curriculum.

2025 academic year AΩA fellowship, grant, and award recipients

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society has 13 national fellowships, grants, and awards for which it appropriates nearly $2.4 million annually.

Chapter Support Award

Harmony Stanger, Northeast Ohio Medical University

Jessee Graham, Florida State University College of Medicine

Jerome Wright, Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University

Kristen Maki, T.H. Chan School of Medicine at UMass Chan Medical School

Meghan Rover, University of Virginia School of Medicine

Carlene Webb-Burton, Indiana University School of Medicine

Michelle Edgar, University of South Carolina School of Medicine Columbia

Alison Clarke, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Patricia Gooden, SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Medicine

Amy Guziec, University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine

LaQuita Beale, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences

Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellowship

Nurudeen K. Alli, Class of 2028, Rush Medical College of Rush University
Does Surgical Approach Affect the Early Clinical Outcomes of Arthroplasty in Treating Femoral Neck Fractures?
Mentor: Omar Behery, MD, MPH (AΩA, Rush Medical College of Rush University, 2015)
Councilor: Richard Abrams, MD (AΩA, University of Illinois College of Medicine, 1985)

Aiman Z. Altaf, Class of 2028, Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine
Association between Quantitative Eye Movements and Neurologic Discharge Outcomes in Comatose Post-Cardiac Arrest Patients
Mentor: Charlene Ong, MD, MPH
Councilor: Elizabeth S. Yellen, MD (AΩA, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 2002)

Natalie Au, Class of 2029, University of Washington School of Medicine
Exploring the Phylogenetic Origins of PIK3CA Driven Clonal Endothelial Cell Expansions in the Context Of Pediatric Vascular Malformations Using Single-Cell Whole Genome Sequencing
Mentor: James T. Bennett, MD, PhD (AΩA, NYU Grossman School of Medicine, 2008)
Councilor: Douglas S. Paauw, MD (AΩA, University of Michigan Medical School, 1983)

Shoshana Bar-Meir, Class of 2028, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
A Single-Cell Transcriptomic Atlas of Mural Cell Heterogeneity and Immune Dysregulation in Fibrotic Skin
Mentors: Robert D. Galiano, MD, and Seok Jong Hong, PhD
Councilor: Shilajit D. Kundu, MD (AΩA, University of Illinois College of Medicine, 2000)

Rehman Basharat, Class of 2029, Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University
Effect of Vitamin C Deficiency on Overall Survival in Patients Receiving PD1/PD-L1 Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors for Cancer
Mentor: Michael Mak, MD
Councilor: Jack Fuhrer, MD (AΩA, Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University, 1997)

Julia Bauer, Class of 2029, SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University
Influence of Hypoglossal Nerve Stimulation on Hypoxic Burden and Heart Rate Response in Patients with Obstructive Sleep Apnea
Mentor: Yi Cai, MD

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

Ahmet Bilgili, Class of 2027, University of Florida College of Medicine
A Contemporary Machine Learning Driven Volume–Outcome Analysis of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons Congenital Heart Surgery Database
Mentors: Jeffrey P. Jacobs (AΩA, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, 1988), and Azra Bihorac, MD, MS (AΩA, University of Florida College of Medicine, 2022)
Councilor: Heather Harrell, MD (AΩA, University of Florida College of Medicine, 1994)

Austin Birmingham, Class of 2029, Weill Cornell Medical College
Assessment of Changes in Glymphatic Function on Diffusion Tensor Imaging Along the Perivascular Space (DTI-ALPS) in Patients Undergoing Venous Sinus Stenting
Mentors: Srikanth Boddu, MD, and Y. Pierre Gobin, MD
Councilor: Kaushal Shah, MD (AΩA, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, 2015)

Brandon A. Chen, Class of 2028, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
Long-Term Outcomes of Patients Undergoing Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement with Very Low Baseline Gradients
Mentor: Matthew Czarny, MD (AΩA, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, 2010)
Councilor: Rachel Salas, MD, MEd (AΩA, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, 2020)

Kevin Chen, Class of 2029, Stanford University School of Medicine
Investigating the Role of the Chemerin/Cmklr1 Axis In Polarization of Trem2+ Tumor-Associated Myeloid Cells
Mentor: Anthony Oro, MD, PhD
Councilor: Suzann Pershing, MD (AΩA, Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine, 2005)

Patrick J. Cheon, Class of 2028, Wake Forest University School of Medicine
The New Lancet Obesity Classification and Long-Term Mortality
Mentor: Elsayed Soliman, MD, MS
Councilor: Michael Stephen Cartwright, MD (AΩA, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, 2002)

Jay Chung, Class of 2029, Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center
Neural Regulation of Skeletal Adaptation in Diabetes: The Role of Dorsal Root Ganglia Mechanosignaling
Mentor: Mia Thi, PhD
Councilor: Jeanie Lee, MD (AΩA, Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center, 2024)

Simon P. Cooper, Class of 2029, Nova Southeastern University, Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine
Transcriptome Changes in Human Glioblastoma Multiforme Upon Metformin Treatment
Mentor: Jorge Cervantes, MD
Councilor: Stuart G. Marcus, MD, MBA (AΩA, Duke University School of Medicine, 1987)

Joy Die, Class of 2028, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
Shade Availability and Social Determinants of Melanoma Incidence in the US
Mentor: Carolyn Heckman, PhD
Councilor: Manish Surendra Patel, MD (AΩA, Eastern Virginia Medical School, 2006)

Yash S. Dixit, Class of 2029, Sidney Kimmel Medical College
Association Between Mouth Opening and Route of Breathing in Patients Undergoing Drug-Induced Sleep Endoscopy for Obstructive Sleep Apnea
Mentor: Raj Dedhia, MD
Councilor: Gerald A. Isenberg, MD (AΩA, Sidney Kimmel Medical College, 2007)

Olivia Durant, Class of 2029, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine
Assessing the Efficacy of a Novel Live Topical Bio-Therapeutic to Prevent Burn Infections in Prolonged Field Care Environments
Mentor: Emily Ricotta, PhD, MSc
Councilor: Robert C. Vietor, MD (AΩA, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine, 2010)

Josie G. Ford, Class of 2028, University of Connecticut School of Medicine
Contribution of Dairy Foods in Reducing Inflammation and Modulating the Gut Microbiome: Impact on Skeletal Health in Adults
Mentors: Douglas P. Kiel, MD, and Shivani Sahni, PhD
Councilor: Adam E. Perrin, MD (AΩA, Wayne State University School of Medicine, 1989)

Nikhil V. Gadiraju, Class of 2028, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School
Artificial Intelligence Assessment of Macular Status in Retinal Detachment: The Influence of Multifocal Intraocular Lenses
Mentors: Noy Ashkenazy, MD, and Jui-Kai Wang, PhD
Councilor: Kevin W. Klein, MD (AΩA, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, 1981)

Kelsey J. Gardiner, Class of 2028, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans School of Medicine

Metabolic Rewiring of Antitumor T-cell Responses In Cancer Patients
Mentor: Giulia Monticone, PhD
Councilor: Peter DeBlieux, MD (AΩA, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans School of Medicine, 1992)

Jayson Guo, Class of 2029, John A. Burns School of Medicine University of Hawaii
Electroencephalographic Functional Connectivity Biomarkers of Response to Ketamine Versus Midazolam in Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
Mentors: Peter Van Roessel, MD, PhD, and Carolyn Rodriguez, MD, PhD
Councilor: Jill Omori, MD (AΩA, John A. Burns School of Medicine University of Hawaii, 1995)

Diya Jayram, Class of 2028, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
Radio-Genomics of Transformed Follicular Lymphoma
Mentor: Asaad Trabolsi, MD
Councilor: Erin R. Kaye, MD (AΩA, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, 2015)

Aubrey S. Johnson, Class of 2028, New York Medical College
Microglia-Astrocyte Crosstalk in Clinical Alzheimer's Disease: Longitudinal Assessment of TSPO PET imaging and Plasma GFAP
Mentor: Patrick J. Lao, PhD
Councilor: William H. Frishman, MD (AΩA, Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center, 1978)

Min Ji Koh, Class of 2028, Georgetown University School of Medicine
Clinical Outcomes of Bony Decompression With and Without Duraplasty for Adult Chiari I Malformation Using Intraoperative MRI: A Prospective Randomized Controlled Trial
Mentor: Amjad Anaizi, MD (AΩA, Tufts University School of Medicine, 2006)
Councilor: Sean A. Whelton, MD (AΩA, Georgetown University School of Medicine, 2014)

Eric Kunz, Class of 2028, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine at Florida International University
Middle Meningeal Artery Embolization in the Treatment of Chronic Subdural Hematomas
Mentor: Michael W. McDermott, MD
Councilor: Gregory W. Schneider, MD (AΩA, University of Missouri School of Medicine, 1995)

Abiola D. Laguda, Class of 2029, City University of New York School of Medicine
Targeting the TXNIP-Trx Redox Switch to Mitigate Doxorubicin-Induced Cardiotoxicity
Mentor: Jun Yoshioka, MD, PhD
Councilor: Carmen Green, MD (AΩA, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, 1989)

Carter Larrance, Class of 2029, Albany Medical College
Regulation of Smooth Muscle Contractile Phenotype and Function by Ca2+/Calmodulin Dependent Protein Kinase II (CaM Kinase II)
Mentors: Harold Singer, PhD, and Roman Ginnan, PhD
Councilor: Alexandra R. Paul, MD (AΩA, Albany Medical College, 2017)

Gloria R. Lee, Class of 2028, University of Texas McGovern Medical School
Evaluating Synergistic Effects of Combined EBRT and [177Lu]Lu-PSA-617 Radioligand Therapy
Mentor: Comron Hassanzadeh, MD (AΩA, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine, 2016)
Councilor: Manish N. Shah, MD (AΩA, University of Texas McGovern Medical School, 2006)

Joy Lee, Class of 2028, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences
CRISPR-Mediated Enhancement of CAR T Cell Function Against Solid Tumors
Mentor: Russel Cruz, MD, PhD
Councilor: Angelike Liappis, MD (AΩA, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 1999)

Libby Lueck, Class of 2028, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine
Evaluating Bone-Like Tissue Formation in Microsphere-Based and Conventional 3D Scaffolds Under Perfusion and Cyclic Mechanical Loading
Mentor: Stefan Lohfeld, PhD
Councilor: John Foxworth, PharmD (AΩA, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine, 2005)

Kiran S. Marla, Class of 2028, University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine
Characterizing the Role of Angiotensin Receptors and Associated Inflammatory Signaling in Noise-Induced Hearing Loss
Mentor: Douglas Martin Bennion, MD, PhD (AΩA, University of Florida College of Medicine, 2017)
Councilor: Christopher S. Cooper, MD (AΩA, University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine, 1990)

Anya C. McDaniel, Class of 2028, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine
The Role of Amphetamine in F. Nucleatum-Driven Progression of Colorectal Cancer
Mentor: Angela Carter, PhD
Councilor: Silvio H. Litovsky (AΩA, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, 2014)

Sithara S. Nambiar, Class of 2029, The Robert Larner, M.D. College of Medicine at the University of Vermont
Characterizing Stress System Synchrony as a Biomarker of Oxytocin Treatment Response for Opioid Use Disorder
Mentor: Carolina Haass-Koffler, PhD
Councilor: Marie B. Sandoval (AΩA, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, 1995)

Maggie Nguyen, Class of 2029, Medical College of Wisconsin
Visible Outcomes, Hidden Burdens: Exploring Disparities in Long-Term Survivorship After Mohs Surgery
Mentor: Melanie Clark, MD (AΩA, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, 2012)
Councilor: Teresa Patitucci, PhD (AΩA, Medical College of Wisconsin, 2024)

Andrew M. Nguyen, Class of 2028, University of Maryland School of Medicine
Longitudinal Perivascular Adipose Tissue Radiomics for Early Lung Cancer Detection: A Multi-Institutional Cohort Study
Mentor: David Dreizin, MD
Councilor: Erin Giudice, MD (AΩA, University of Maryland School of Medicine, 2006)

Varshini Odayar, Class of 2028, University of Michigan Medical School
Advancing Risk Stratification in Colorectal Polyposis: Phenotype-Based Prediction of Pathogenic Germline Variants
Mentor: Elena M. Stoffel, MD, PhD
Councilor: Silas P. Norman, MD (AΩA, Wayne State University School of Medicine, 1995)

Shelei Pan, Class of 2028, Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis
Intraventricular Iron Chelation to Prevent Posthemorrhagic Hydrocephalus and Brain Injury after Germinal Matrix Hemorrhage
Mentor: Jennifer M. Strahle, MD (AΩA, University of Minnesota Medical School, 2007)
Councilor: Allyson R. Zazulia, MD (AΩA, Georgetown University School of Medicine, 1994)

Jay Patel, Class of 2028, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
Translating Hydroxychloroquine Blood Level Monitoring to Target-Site Specific Diseases: A Multi-Disease Meta-Analysis and a Pilot Testing in Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus
Mentor: Shivani Garg, MD, PhD
Councilor: Gwenevere McIntosh, MD, MPH (AΩA, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, 2016)

Evani N. Patel, Class of 2028, Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine
Enhancing Diagnostic Capacity and Patient Outcomes through Point-of-Care Ultrasound Integration at a Single Site in Ethiopia
Mentor: Joshua Wiedermann, MD
Councilor: Katelyn R. Anderson, MD (AΩA, University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine, 2011)

Sahil H. Patel, Class of 2028, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
Multimodal Machine Learning Integration of Radiomics, Clinicopathologic Data, and Digital Pathology to Improve Prognostication in Kidney Cancer
Mentor: Christopher Weight, MD
Councilor: David C. Kaelber, MD (AΩA, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, 2004)

Nikhil Prabhakar, Class of 2029, Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine of Florida Atlantic University
Topical Application of Glucagon-like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonists and Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4 Inhibitors in a Human Ex Vivo Scar Model
Mentor: Mary Ziegler, PhD
Councilor: Lisa C. Martinez, MD (AΩA, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, 2007)

Heba H. Qaissi, Class of 2028, University of Kentucky College of Medicine
The Role of Bone Density in Long-Term Outcomes After Critical Illness
Mentor: Esther Dupont-Versteegden, PhD
Councilor: Todd Cheever, MD (AΩA, University of Kentucky College of Medicine, 2011)

Akshara Ramasamy, Class of 2029, Dell Medical School at the University of Texas at Austin
Disability-First Approaches to Long COVID: Functional Outcomes and Barriers to Care
Mentors: William Michael Brode, MD (AΩA, Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, 2015), and Esther Melamed, MD, PhD
Councilor: Steven A. Taylor, MD (AΩA, University of Florida College of Medicine, 2003)

Faith Ryu, Class of 2029, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College
Engineering a MICA×B7-H6×CD3 Targeted Trispecific T-cell Engager for Durable Control of Heterogeneous Tumors
Mentor: Charles Sentman, PhD
Councilor: Nancy J. McNulty, MD (AΩA, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College, 1994)

Suyash Sau, Class of 2028, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry
Quantitative PVA Hydrogel Simulator for Comparing Minimally Invasive and Open Subcortical Tumor Resection
Mentor: Jonathan Stone, MD
Councilor: Jane L. Liesveld (AΩA, University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine, 1979)

Emily J. Schein, Class of 2028, Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine
The Impact of Food Insecurity on Traumatic Brain Injury Patient Outcomes
Mentor: Paul Arnold, MD
Councilor: Theresa Nguyen, MD (AΩA, Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, 2020)

Harshaan Sekhon, Class of 2028, California Northstate University College of Medicine
Reprogramming Lymphatic Endothelial Cells Toward Functional Maturation for Durable Therapy
Mentor: Shailesh Agarwal, MD
Councilor: Mark V. Sheffield, MD (AΩA, Creighton University School of Medicine, 1983)

Ayushi S. Shah, Class of 2028, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine
Artificial Intelligence in Verification of Proficiency for Surgical Education: An Examination of Rating Accuracy, Feedback Quality, and Language Use
Mentor: Anna T. Cianciolo, PhD (AΩA, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, 2025)
Councilor: Martha L. Hlafka, MD (AΩA, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, 2009)

Meron R. Siira, Class of 2027, Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University
Experiences and Perspectives of Pregnancy, Childbirth, and Postpartum Among People Living with Hidradenitis Suppurativa
Mentors: Lauren Anne Vigil Orenstein, MD (AΩA, Emory University School of Medicine, 2013), and Marlo Vernon, PhD
Councilor: Samuel D. Macomson (AΩA, Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University, 1997)

Charlie Sjogren-Black, Class of 2029, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine
Inhibition of Noncanonical NF-κB p52 Nuclear Translocation to Enhance Immunotherapy in Glioblastoma
Mentor: Bakhtiar Yamini, MD
Councilor: Poj Lysouvakon, MD (AΩA, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, 2009)

Parker Smith, Class of 2029, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Shreveport
Dietary Metabolites Regulate NLRP3 Inflammasome Activation and Disease Severity in a Mouse Model of Chronic Rhinosinusitis
Mentors: Dor Maayan, MD, and Oren Rom, PhD, RD
Councilor: James D. Morris, MD (AΩA, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Shreveport, 2018)

Byungcheol So, Class of 2028, University of Illinois College of Medicine
Abnormal Sonic Hedgehog Pathway Signaling in Penis Of Hypertensive Patients
Mentor: Carol Podlasek, PhD
Councilor: Jennifer I. Lim, MD (AΩA, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, 1984)

Disha Srivastava, Class of 2028, Drexel University College of Medicine
Integration of Social Risk Measures into a Validated Clinical Nomogram for Clinically Localized Prostate Cancer
Mentor: Samuel L. Washington III, MD, MAS
Councilor: Jennifer L Hamilton, MD (Drexel University College of Medicine, 2020)

Francesca Stepanov, Class of 2029, University of Colorado School of Medicine
Integrating Preoperative Physical Activity with Metabolomic and Proteomic Profiling to Identify Mechanisms of Cognitive Resilience Following Cardiac Surgery
Mentor: Jessica Rove, MD
Councilor: Jeffrey R. SooHoo, MD (AΩA, Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, 2009)

Niitiggya Taneja, Class of 2028, SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Medicine
MSC-Derived Extracellular Vesicles Restore Neutrophil Immune Balance in Sepsis by Modulating Cytokine Profiles
Mentor: Qinghe Meng, MD
Councilor: Lynn Cleary, MD (The Ohio State University College of Medicine, 1978)

Anne Tatooles, Class of 2029, Baylor College of Medicine
Cell-Type-Specific Cytotoxicity of Preterm Birth-Linked Metabolites at the Maternal–Fetal Interface
Mentor: Enrico Barrozo, PhD
Councilor: Atul Maheshwari (AΩA, Baylor College of Medicine, 2017)

Logan C. Thomas, Class of 2028, University of Mississippi School of Medicine
5xFAD Neurodegeneration Model: Retinal and Brain Pathology as a Function of Age, Genotype, and the Effects of Low-Intensity Pulsed Ultrasound
Mentor: Federico Gonzalez-Fernandez, MD, PhD
Councilor: Samuel Calvin Thigpen, MD (AΩA, University of Mississippi School of Medicine, 2005)

Belinda Tucker, Class of 2028, Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine
Ventriculoperitoneal Shunt Biofilm Ablation Using Histotripsy
Mentors: Elizabeth Nowak, MD, and Jayasimha Rao, PhD
Councilor: Michael S. Nussbaum, MD (AΩA, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, 2006)

Ryan W. Turlip, Class of 2028, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania
Developing a Multi-Institutional Machine Learning Framework to Predict Acetabular Augment Necessity and Configuration in Revision Total Hip Arthroplasty
Mentor: Neil Sheth, MD
Councilor: Edward Dickinson, MD (AΩA, Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University, 1989)

Katelyn Wang, Class of 2029, The Ohio State University College of Medicine
Evaluating a Biocompatible Splint from Partially Decellularized Tracheal Tissue on Airway Stabilization in a Ferret Model
Mentor: Tendy Chiang, MD (AΩA, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, 2025)
Councilor: Sheryl Pfeil, MD (AΩA, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, 1984)

Matthew Warden, Class of 2028, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
Fractal Dimension Analysis and Venous Outflow Geometry as Predictors of Rupture Status in Cerebral Arteriovenous Malformations
Mentor: Charles Prestigiacomo, MD
Councilor: Estrelita A. Dixon (AΩA, Howard University College of Medicine, 1989)

Blake A. Welker, Class of 2028, University of Kansas School of Medicine
Equitable Patient Recapture for Guideline Based Pediatric Hearing Care in Large Urban and Rural Populations
Mentors: Michael D. Puricelli, MD (AΩA, University of Missouri School of Medicine, 2012), and John Patrick Dahl, MD (AΩA, Sidney Kimmel Medical College, 2009)
Councilor: Brian "Mac" Everist, MD (AΩA, University of Kansas School of Medicine, 2008)

Amy B. Wise, Class of 2028, University of California Davis School of Medicine
Smartphone-Based Assessments for Early Cognitive Change: Feasibility, Acceptability, and Validity
Mentor: Adam Staffaroni, PhD
Councilor: Wetona Suzanne Eidson-Ton, MD (AΩA, University of California Davis School of Medicine, 2013)

Winna Xia, Class of 2029, T.H. Chan School of Medicine at UMass Chan Medical School
Determination of TDP-43 Dysfunction in Traumatic Brain Injuries
Mentor: Daryl Bosco, PhD
Councilor: Terence Flotte, MD (AΩA, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans School of Medicine, 1985)

Aya S. Yatim, Class of 2028, American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine
The Effect of Maternal and Post-Natal Antibiotic Exposure on Offspring Cognitive Behavior and Neurogenesis: The Unspoken Effect of Amoxicillin-Clavulanate
Mentor: Wassim Abou-Kheir, PhD
Councilor: Ghazi Zaatari, MD (AΩA, American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine, 1975)

Audrey Yeung, Class of 2028, NYU Grossman School of Medicine
Inflammatory Bowel Disease-Associated Ocular Inflammatory Disease: New York City—Tertiary Eye Center Cohort Study
Mentor: Cesar Michael Samson, MD
Councilor: Rafael Rivera, MD (AΩA, NYU Grossman School of Medicine, 2023)

Melody L. Zhang, Class of 2029, Saint Louis University School of Medicine
Investigating the Relationship Between Autoimmunity, Infection, and Cancer
Mentor: Richard DiPaolo, MD
Councilor: Adam Ross Merando, MD (AΩA, University of Kansas School of Medicine, 2014)

Kate A. Zheng, Class of 2028, Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California
Leveraging SJ6986 Alone and with Gentamicin to Enhance Readthrough in RDEB and JEB Patients
Mentor: Mei Chen, PhD
Councilor: Glenn Ault, MD (AΩA, Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California, 2002)

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society Professionalism Award

The **Sidney Kimmel Medical College** at Thomas Jefferson University has developed a longitudinal, vertically integrated curriculum that explicitly prepares medical students to navigate the uncertainty inherent in clinical practice. Embedded within the Health Systems Science thread, this four-year curriculum provides repeated, scaffolded opportunities for learners to recognize, appraise, and respond to uncertainty through case-based learning, simulation, role plays, small group clinical skills training, and experiential workshops. Grounded in frameworks such as Informal and Incidental Learning and the Master Adaptive Learner, the curriculum equips students with essential skills in adaptive decision-making, reflective reasoning, and the transparent communication of diagnostic uncertainty.

Innovative elements—including structured faculty development, validated tools like the Uncertainty Communication Checklist, and a mobile application (app) that supports the deliberate practice of communication skills—offer repeated opportunities for both faculty and students to revisit the concept of uncertainty across all four years of medical school. With publicly available resources, MedEdPORTAL publications, and exportable frameworks, the program has been intentionally designed for widespread dissemination. By grounding professionalism in the realities of clinical uncertainty, the curriculum aims to prepare future physicians to navigate uncertainty with humility, clarity, and compassion.

Runner-up recognition has been given to **Northeast Ohio Medical University** for their "The Patient is Why I'm Here" program. The "Becoming a Physician" curriculum at Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) College of Medicine represents an innovative, patient-centered approach to medical professionalism education. Recognizing that traditional didactic methods often fail to convey the authentic lived experience of medical practice, this program places patient voices at the center of professional identity formation. The curriculum was developed to address the critical need for early professional identity formation among medical students, ensuring they understand not only the technical aspects of medicine but also its moral and ethical foundations. The program's central philosophy is embodied in its core oath: "The Patient Is Why I'm Here"—a commitment that students make during their first week of medical school and carry throughout their careers.

Helen H. Glaser Student Essay Award

"Spectrum on the Screen: Lessons Learned from Neurodivergent Physicians in Medical Dramas" by **Jennifer Wang, MD,** University of Illinois College of Medicine

"The Digitally Native Patient: Reimagining Adolescent-Centered Care in a Networked Era" by **Mansi Kaushik**, Drexel University College of Medicine

"The Strategic Structure of Medical Education: How Game Theory Reveals the Gap Between Collaborative Values and Competitive Incentives" by **Skyler Hoang**, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

"The Moral Urgency of Street Medicine" by **Ishaan Kumar**, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine

Medical Student Service Leadership Project

Albert Einstein College of Medicine/ Montefiore Medical Center
Project Title: E=MChef2: Empowering the Bronx Through Food and Health
Students: Isabelle Ilan, Akhil Upad, Julia Caldropoli, Isabell Guzchenko, Katherine Burchfield, Sanjana Boyapalli
Mentor: Jessica Rieder, MD, MS

American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine
Title: Care Where It's Needed Most: Building Physician-Leaders in Underserved Communities in Lebanon
Students: Tania Hassan (AΩA, American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine, 2025), Rim El Annan, Jad Assi, Yehya Zahreddine, Waseem Wassouf, Reem Faraj, Lara Soueid, Lynn Moghrabi, Mohamad Jaber (AΩA, American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine, 2026), Nour Termos, Karim Faraj
Mentors: Salah Zeineldine, MD (AΩA, American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine, 2013, Alumni); Iman Nuwayhid, MD (AΩA, American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine, 1987), Umayyah Mucharrafieh, MD, Marianne Nimah Majdalani, MD (AΩA, American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine, 2026, Faculty), Racha Hamra, MD

California Northstate University College of Medicine
Title: The California Northstate University College of Medicine (CNUCOM) Lung Cancer Education Initiative
Students: Reggie Fan, Katelynne Au
Mentor: David Pai, MD (AΩA, California Northstate University College of Medicine, 2026, Faculty)
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
Project Title: Medical Student-Led Delirium Prevention and Companionship for Hospitalized Older Adults
Students: Caitlyn Henry, Emily Zhao, Jessica Yoon, John Ross, Joyce Kuo, Rachel Wu
Mentors: Paul Shaniuk, MD, Anastasia Rowland-Seymour, MD, Michelle Dietz, MD, Charlene Pan, MD

Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine
Title: Educating for Justice: A Student-Led Correctional Health Curriculum
Students: Itisha Jefferson, Lucero Cordero, Germaine Harvey, Allayah Stillwell, Maureen Belizaire, Genevieve Harvey, Jada Price, Eleni Seyoum
Mentors: Gregory Gruener, MD, MBA, MHPE, FANA (AΩA Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, 2010, Faculty), Lena Hatchett, PhD; Trent Reed, DO (AΩA Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, 2019, Faculty), Theresa Nguyen, MD (AΩA Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, 2020, Faculty), Amy Blair, MD (AΩA Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, 2017, Faculty), Diane Morse, MD, John May, MD

Meharry Medical College School of Medicine
Project Title: Roots: Student Leaders Reaching Communities Through Sustainable Urban Nutrition & Gardening
Students: Hadassah Sim-Pimpong, Asriel Walker, Edward Debrady, Alexis Green, Philenchy Monfiston Sejour, Joyanne Terry

Mentors: Shalonda Ingram, PhD, Kevin Billups, MD, Chris Comstock, Suzanne Tropez-Sims, MD, MPH, FAAP (AΩA, Meharry Medical College School of Medicine, 2006, Faculty), Adrian Samuels, MD

T.H. Chan School of Medicine at UMass Chan Medical School
Project Title: MD CAMP - Empowering Worcester Youth Through Community, Access, Mentorship, and Purpose
Students: Riley Magane (AΩA, T.H. Chan School of Medicine at UMass Chan Medical School, 2026), Anna Bogursky, Pamela Kote, Nikita Murli, Ellis Barrera, Ananya Das, Aaron Lee
Mentors: Christine O. MacGinnis, DO (AΩA, T.H. Chan School of Medicine at UMass Chan Medical School, 2024, Faculty); Robert E. Layne, MEd

The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
Project Title: Trusted Voices, Preventive Choices: Increasing Breast Cancer Screening and Education through Community Partnerships
Students: Ria Talathi, Thrusha Puttaraju, Daniela Ponce Cartagena
Mentor: Ashley Stuckey, MD, FACOG, FACS (AΩA, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2023, Faculty)

University of California Irvine School of Medicine
Project Title: Prime Lead-ABC
Students: Jordan Slaton, Gabrielle Yerro Baker, Mena Fam, Matthew Gregory
Mentors: Cristobal Barrios, MD, FACS, Carol Major, MD, Candice Taylor Lucas, MD, MPH, FAAP, Charles Vega, MD, FAAFP, Lourdes Swentek, MD

University of Florida College of Medicine
Title: Building and Sustaining a Preventive Colorectal Cancer Screening Program at a Student-led Free Clinic Network at the University of Florida College of Medicine
Students: Danielle Snyder (AΩA, University of Florida College of Medicine, 2026), Tran Ngo, Sarah Tatum, Kamilah Roca-Datzer, Bo Peng, Nadia Kabbej, Taylor Thomson, Sarah Murphy (AΩA, University of Florida College of Medicine, 2026), Christopher Miquel-Chambers, MD
Mentors: Lucy Guerra, MD, MPH, FACP (AΩA, University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine, 2015, Faculty), Grant Harrell, MD (AΩA, University of Florida College of Medicine, 2010), Heather Harrell, MD (AΩA, University of Florida College of Medicine, 1994), Ryan Nall, MD (AΩA, University of Florida College of Medicine, 2008)

Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine
Title: Food Insecurity Intervention in the Roanoke Valley — Building a Sustainable Partnership
Students: Rachael Chiao, Lily Rose Bahrabadi, Colby Mallett, Etta Hanlon, Blaire Barton, Jacqueline Urdang (AΩA, Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, 2025)
Mentors: Kristofer Rau, PhD, Michelle Rockwell, PhD, RD

Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine
Project Title: Targeted Diabetes Education Intervention for the Spanish Immigrant Population
Student: Michael Smart
Mentor: Cheryl Dickson, MD, MPH (AΩA, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, 1998, Faculty)

AΩA Poetry Award

"What We Don't See" by **Javier Montelongo**, Class of 2026, Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University

"Dandelions at the Loading Dock" by **Shreya Katwala**, Class of 2027, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine

"As Petals turn to Ash" by **Maggie Weichert**, Class of 2027, Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University

"The Physician's Salary" by **Eric Grin**, Class of 2027, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

"Pharmacokinteics of Grief" by **Joseph I. Turner**, Class of 2029, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Robert H. Moser Essay Award

The 2025 AΩA Robert H. Moser Essay Award winner is: "The Nineteenth-Century Surgeon Who Changed Mental Illness Care" by **John M. Harris Jr., MD, MBA** (AΩA, Baylor College of Medicine, 1974).

Postgraduate Award

Danielle Cicka, MD, PhD, Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis
Implementation of Patient-Reported Outcomes Following Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant for SCD and Longitudinal Assessment in Low-Resource settings (Nigeria)
Mentor: Allison King, MD, MPH (AΩA, Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, 2019, Faculty)

Diane Jung, MD, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
Defining Sodium Fluorescein Transport Pathways in Vestibular Schwannoma
Mentor: Christine Dinh, MD (AΩA, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, 2008)

Olena Mahneva, DO, PhD, MSc, Florida Atlantic University, Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine
Development of Biorepository of Patient-Derived Glioblastoma Multiforme Organoids at Florida Atlantic University Cancer Center of Excellence.
Mentor: Gregg B. Fields, PhD

Eli Rogers, MD (ΑΩΑ, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, 2023), Weill Cornell Medical College
Predictors for Acute Aortic Syndromes in Emergency Department Patients Undergoing Chest CT
Mentor: Christopher Kabrhel, MD, MPH

Tony D. Satroplus, MD (ΑΩΑ, University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine, 2026), University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine
Reducing Delays to Postoperative Radiation Therapy in Head and Neck Cancer through APP-Driven "Second-Touch" Visits and Patient-Centered Education
Mentor: Chelsea S. Hamill, MD (ΑΩΑ, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine, 2016)

Eric Sung, MD, Loma Linda University Medical Center
Development of Artificial Intelligence Models to Analyze the Radiomic Features in Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma and the Need for Vascular Reconstruction
Mentor: Raja Narayan, MD, MS (ΑΩΑ, University of California Irvine School of Medicine, 2014)

Christina Tamargo Gaine, MD (ΑΩΑ, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, 2021), The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
From Recognition to Response: Simulation-Based Training to Prepare Nephrology Fellows for Real-World Dialysis Emergencies
Mentor: Carmen Elena Cervantes, MD

Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award 2025

Melissa Fischer, MD, MEd, Associate Vice Provost for Interprofessional and Instructional Innovation, Professor of Medicine, T.H. Chan School of Medicine at UMass Chan Medical School

David Harris, PhD, Associate Professor of Physiology, University of Central Florida College of Medicine

Sherine E. Salib, MD, Professor of Internal Medicine, Dell Medical School at the University of Texas at Austin

Lisa Willet, MD (ΑΩΑ, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, 1996), Professor of Medicine, Executive Vice Chair of the Department of Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham Heersink School of Medicine

2026 Visiting Professorship

Bryant A. Adibe, MD, MS, University of Florida College of Medicine, "A Systems Approach to Improving Well-Being in Graduate Medical Education"

Jaime Bellamy, DO, MS, University of Kansas School of Medicine, "The Foundation of Courage: Authenticity and the Physician You're Becoming"

Helen Burstin, MD, MPH, MACP (ΑΩΑ, City University of New York School of Medicine, 2024, Alumni), George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, "Coded Bias: Unraveling Race from Clinical Decision Making"

Andrew Cameron, MD, PhD, University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine, "Changing the Rules in Transplantation: Separating Science from Stigma"

Sharon Clark, MD, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, "Beyond Bedside Manner: The Professionalism Patients Feel"

Anne Eacker, MD (ΑΩΑ, University of Washington School of Medicine, 1996)**,** University of Washington School of Medicine, "Leadership in Medicine"

Laura Erickson-Schroth, MD, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College, "Learning to be an Advocate"

Nicholas Flint, MD (ΑΩΑ, Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine at the University of Utah, 2021), Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine and Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, "Induction to Impact: Turning Ceremony into Calling"

Benjamin Gilmer, MD, Baylor College of Medicine and John A. Burns School of Medicine University of Hawaii, "A Path of Advocacy: Telling Our Stories of Self, Us and Now"

Sherita Golden, MD, MHS (ΑΩΑ University of Virginia School of Medicine, 1994), University of Maryland School of Medicine, "Beyond the Hospital Walls — Leading Change in Medicine and Society"

Carmen Green, MD (ΑΩΑ, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, 1989), Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University, Two presentations: "Unequal Burdens and Unheard Voices: Becoming worthy to care for the suffering," and "The Genesis of the Unequal Burden of Pain: A Selective Review Examining Social Inequities and Unheard Voices"

Larrie Greenberg, MD (ΑΩΑ, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 1997, Faculty), West Virginia University School of Medicine, "In Search of Excellence: The Importance of Slowing Down"

Paul Haidet, MD, MPH (ΑΩΑ, Penn State College of Medicine, 1991), The Ohio State University College of Medicine, "Explorations of Jazz and Medicine: Finding Your "Voice" as a Physician"

Joshua Hartzell, MD, MS-HPEd (ΑΩΑ, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine, 2001), University of Central Florida College of Medicine, VA Talk: Caring Through Leadership: Building a Culture for Thriving in Medicine, AOA Induction Ceremony Talk: Becoming a Student of Leadership: Developing Your Leadership Superpower"

Joseph Horton, MD (ΑΩΑ, Tulane University School of Medicine, 2016, Alumni), Tulane University School of Medicine, "Medicine and Technology"

John Hsu, MD, MBA, Creighton University School of Medicine, "The Promise and Challenge of Game-Changing Therapies in the Current US Healthcare Environment"

Nadia Ismail, MD, MPH, Med (ΑΩΑ, Baylor College of Medicine, 2026, Faculty), University of Missouri School of Medicine, "Crucial Leadership: Embracing Curricular Innovations and Change"

Robert Johnson, MD, FAAP (ΑΩΑ, Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, 2003, Alumni), Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, "Beyond the White Coat: Leading with Integrity and Professionalism in Medicine"

Suzanne Koven, MD (ΑΩΑ, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, 1986), Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine, "What's the Story? Why Narrative Matters in Medicine"

Anne Larkin, MD, FACS (ΑΩΑ, T.H. Chan School of Medicine at UMass Chan Medical School, 2024, Faculty), Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University, "Finding Joy in Medicine"

Fred Lopez, MD (ΑΩΑ, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans School of Medicine, 1991), Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Shreveport, "In the Eye of the Storm: Hurricane Katrina and Charity Hospital"

Ross MacDonald, MD, Weill Cornell Medical College, "Addressing Mass Incarceration from a Health Care Angle"

Farrin Manian, MD, MPH (ΑΩΑ, University of Missouri School of Medicine, 1981), Ponce Health Sciences University, "Worthy to serve"

Rebecca Martin, MD, New York Medical College, "Two Years in Tansen Global Health Lessons for Those Called to Serve the Suffering"

Alister Martin, MD, Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, "Organizing for Change"

Karen Martinez-Gonzalez, MD, MSc (ΑΩΑ, University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, 2001), University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, "El humanismo médico como excelencia: el legado del Dr. Humberto M. Guiot"

Barbara McKinney, MD, MPH (ΑΩΑ, Loma Linda University School of Medicine, 1988), Loma Linda University School of Medicine, "Everything Will Be Alright in the End"

John Mellinger, MD, FACS (ΑΩΑ, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, 1984), Central Michigan University College of Medicine, "Beyond Zed: A Reflection for 21st Century Medicine"

Nivedita Mohanty, MD, MS, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, "Unprecedented Times Require Unwavering Commitment to High-Quality Care for Children"

Michelle Morse, MD, MPH (ΑΩΑ, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, 2026, Alumni), Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, "My Path in Global Health Equity: A Photo Journal"

Kristen Mueller, MD, Saint Louis University School of Medicine, "Violent Injury: a Public Health Epidemic with Local Solutions"

Jeffrey Newport, MD, MS, Mdiv (ΑΩΑ, University of South Carolina Kay and C. Edward Flpyd, M.D. School of Medicine, 2024, Alumni), University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, "Be Still and Know: Confessions of a Medical Raconteur"

Maria Luisa Nieves Tirado, MD, FAAP (ΑΩΑ, Ponce Health Sciences University, 2026, Faculty), Ponce Health Sciences University, "The Art of Standing Out"

Timothy Peck, MD, Indiana University School of Medicine, "The Joy of Showing Up: What Serving a Healthcare Desert in Indiana Taught Me About Medicine"

Athena Poppas, MD, FACC, FASE (ΑΩΑ, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, 2026, Alumni), University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, "Sex-Specific Risk Factors for Cardiovascular Disease in Women"

Anthony Ritaccio, MD (ΑΩΑ, Albany Medical College, 2013, Alumni), Albany Medical College, "Epilepsy 2025: What It Is and How I See It"

Nathan Ross, MD, Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine, "Resilience and Global Impact"

Christine Sinsky, MD, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans School of Medicine, "Building Your Medical Career Thriving (not Survival) Kit"

Kayla Terhune, MD, MBA, FACS, University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine, "Feedback to Learners: Why Patients Deserve More Than "Needs to Read More"

Thomas Toth, MD (ΑΩΑ, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine, 1986), The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, "Angels, Doers and Perils"

Jeffrey Wall, MD (ΑΩΑ, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine, 2026, Alumni), University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine, "The Geometry of Meaning: Einstein, Artificial Intelligence, and the Future of Clinical Understanding"

David Wofsy, MD (ΑΩΑ, University of California San Francisco School of Medicine, 2015, Faculty), University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine, "Reflections on Meaning of Success"

Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award

Yasmeen Ahmed, MD, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Services

Meghan Bugosh, MD, University of Michigan Medical School

Jordan Burnette, DO, University of Maryland School of Medicine

Steffanie Campbell, MD (ΑΩΑ, Indiana University School of Medicine, 2007), Baylor College of Medicine

Matilde Castiel, MD, T.H. Chan School of Medicine at UMass Chan Medical School

Robert Daro, MD, University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine

William Dibble, DO, SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Medicine

Jeremy Ellis, MD, Drexel University College of Medicine

Maria Espinoza, MD, Baylor College of Medicine

Michael Federico, DO, SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Medicine

Tanner Ferguson, MD, University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine

Arthur Harrow, MD, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences

Carla Jardim, MD, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Venkata Jasti, MD, SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Medicine

Susan Khandelwal, MD, FAAP (ΑΩΑ, Baylor College of Medicine, 2026, Faculty) Baylor College of Medicine

Andrew Lee, MD (ΑΩΑ, University of Virginia School of Medicine, 1989), Baylor College of Medicine

Angelo Leto-Barone, MD, University of Central Florida College of Medicine

Camille Montes-Ramos, MD, University of South Carolina School of Medicine Columbia

Ryon Nakasone, MD (ΑΩΑ, John A. Burns School of Medicine University of Hawaii, 2009), John A. Burns School of Medicine University of Hawaii

Digant Nanavati, MD, SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Medicine

Ayodeji Ogunleye, MD, MPH, Indiana University School of Medicine

David Page, MD, SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Medicine

Ayesha Rashid, MD, Baylor College of Medicine

Garry Ruben, MD (ΑΩΑ, University of Maryland School of Medicine, 1977), George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Services

Cory Ruddy-Ramirez, DO, New York Medical College

Shilpa Shankar, MD, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine