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NOW, BEING ADMITTED TO THE PROFESSION OF MEDICINE AND DEDICATING MY LIFE TO SERVICE, UPON MY HONOR AND BEFORE GOD, I FREELY MAKE THESE PROMISES:

I will carry out that regimen which, according to my power and discernment, shall be for the benefit of my patients; I will keep them from harm and wrong. To none will I give a deadly drug, even if solicited, nor offer counsel to such an end. I will maintain the utmost respect for all human life.

I will respect and show gratitude to my deserving teachers and, in as far as reasonably I can, shall teach the science and art of medicine by precept, lecture and other modes of instruction to those who are worthy.

My own life and my professional practice I will keep guiltless and right. Even under threat I will not use my knowledge contrary to moral law.

I will keep silence regarding that which, within or without my practice, I shall see or hear in the lives of others which should not be made public, holding such things unsuitable to be spoken.

When skill or knowledge greater than mine will benefit my patient, I will seek assistance or advice; nor will I refuse my aid or my counsel to other physicians.

I will not permit considerations of race, religion, nationality, party politics, social standing or financial circumstances to interfere with my attending my patient.

I will maintain the honor and noble traditions of the medical profession and forward its highest ideals.

As long as I shall keep these promises inviolate, may I continue the practice of my profession and be respected for all time. Should I violate them may the reverse be my lot.

ORDER OF EVENTS

WELCOME

Adam Merando, M.D. Associate Dean, Office of Student Affairs

INVOCATION

James Duffy, S.J., M.D. Associate Dean, Clinical Curriculum

GREETINGS

Christine Jacobs, M.D. Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean of the School of Medicine

> ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATING STUDENTS Jan Garavaglia, M.D.

Chief Medical Examiner, Retired Orange and Osceola Counties, Florida

PRESENTATION OF THE HOODS

Hiral Choksi, M.D.

Marilyn Maxwell, M.D.

FAREWELL ADDRESS CLASS OF 2025

Christie Jok Senior Class Co-President Haleh Matinrad Senior Class Co-President

Shivika Ahuja Executive Council President **Conor Honan** Executive Council Vice President

HIPPOCRATIC OATH Chad Miller, M.D.

Senior Associate Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education

BENEDICTION

School of Medicine Chorus

HONORS

ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA NATIONAL HONOR MEDICAL SOCIETY

This National Medical Honor Society for medical students promotes student leadership, community service and excellence in academics.

Alborz Alimadadi* **Tyler Arismendi** Alison Borsotti **Osha Chesnutt-von Brecht Ekamiit Deol** Julian Giakas **Megan Halloran** Alexander Hoffman **Conor Honan Leighton Hope Brenton Hwee** Mayuri Jayaraman Samantha Levine Jessica Liebich Nathan Logan Haleh Matinrad Neel Matiwala **Brooke Mccollum* Rachel Michalowski*** Nikita Peramsetty Joseph Reznikov **Morgan Ross Nicholas Schaper** Yasmine Shawahin Samuel Shikora* Katherine Snow* **Olivia Spaedy** Megan Tersteeg Jasmine Thakkar Shreeya Thussu **Michael Vogel** Natalie Yakobian **Megan Zierold**

*Appointed Officers

ALPHA SIGMA NU NATIONAL JESUIT HONOR SOCIETY

Members of this organization have distinguished themselves in scholarship, loyalty and service to the School of Medicine.

Jessica Liebich Rachel Michalowski

ALUMNI DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD

Given to a senior student of high moral character and scholastic achievement who has manifested service to patients, fellow students and the School of Medicine.

Osha Chestnutt-von Brecht

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS' COY D. FITCH, M.D., BOOK AWARD In honor of Dr. Coy D. Fitch, this award is based upon performance in General Internal Medicine and is given for outstanding ethical and humanitarian qualities.

Jessica Liebich

AMERICAN MEDICAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION GLASGOW-RUBIN ACHIEVEMENT CITATION

Awarded to women with superior L. JAMES WILLMORE AWARD academic performance. Presented to students wh

Samantha Bartholow Emily Guagliardo Jessica Liebich Jiana Machhor Brooke Mccollum Rachel Michalowski Morgan Ross Katherine Snow Megan Tersteeg Jasmine Thakkar DONALD W. BUSSMANN AWARD Presented to students who have shown exemplary loyalty and service in the area of Admissions in honor of Donald W. Bussmann, M.D. Associate Dean Emeritus, Admissions.

Shivika Ahuja Sajni Amin **Trent Davids** Lorraine Claire De Velez Gavin Defisser Megan Halloran **Conor Honan** Mayuri Jayaraman Megan Kalinowski **Iustin Lok** Uma Ramaratnam Punva Ramesh Matthew ReVeal Joseph Reznikov **Ryan Rossi** Samuel Shikora **Katherine Snow Olivia Spaedy Megan Tersteeg Jasmine Thakkar** Matthew Toedt Natalie Yakobian

L. JAMES WILLMORE AWARD Presented to students who have distinguished themselves by serving as Ambassadors for Admissions; representing the School of Medicine.

Megan Halloran Justin Lok Uma Ramaratnam Joseph Reznikov Natalie Yakobian CAMPUS MINISTRY AWARD Given in grateful recognition of contributions to, and participation in Campus Ministry.

Steven Castillo Yoan Ganev Sarah Maller

CAMILLUS AWARD

Established by Father Nicholas W. Smith, this award is given to the graduating medical student with the overall highest academic standing. The award is named after Saint Camillus de Lellis, an Italian priest, who founded a religious order dedicated to the care of the sick.

Alborz Alimadadi

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE WITH DISTINCTION IN WELLNESS

This award recognizes students who, throughout their four years of medical school, have dedicated themselves to further understand and promote a holistic approach to medicine for both themselves and their future patients. Through this distinction, select students have displayed leadership, research abilities, and active participation in Wellness Learning Community events.

Alison Borsotti Megan Lantz Jessica Liebich Janvi Patel Nikita Permasetty

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE WITH DISTINCTION IN HEALTH CARE ETHICS

This award recognizes students who, throughout their four years of medical school, have engaged in health care ethics learning experiences, culminating in the completion of a research project.

Aaliyah Sevier-Grogan

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE WITH DISTINCTION IN MEDICAL EDUCATION This award recognizes medical students' dedication and contributions over the past four years to furthering and improving medical education at Saint Louis University School of Medicine exemplified by completion of a teaching certificate and creation of a teaching portfolio.

Shivika Ahuja Sajni Amin Katherine Bruckner **Osha Chesnutt-von Brecht** Alexander Cotter **Trent Davids** Lorraine Claire De Velez Julia Hughes Megan Kalinowski Jissmaria Karickal Jiana Machhor Andrew Marino Neel Matiwala Joseph Reznikov Ayanna Shambe Yasmine Shawahin Samuel Shikora Megan Tersteeg Megan Zierold

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE WITH DISTINCTION IN RESEARCH

This award recognizes students who, throughout four years of medical education, have made significant research contributions exemplified by publication, oral presentation, and a written thesis.

Sumona Banerjee Jeffery Bettag Julian Giakas Varun Gopinatth Mayuri Jayaraman Joshua Kim Tony Lee Yuanzun Peng Saksham Pruthi Catherine O'Leary Matthew Reveal Nicholas Schaper Shreeya Thussu Natalie Yakobian Kevin Yu

ROBERT H. FELIX AWARD This award, in honor of the late Robert H. Felix, M.D., M.P.H., Dean of Saint Louis University School of Medicine from 1964 to 1974 is presented to students who have distinguished themselves with contributions to the welfare of the medical school community.

Megan Halloran Joshua Julian Ayanna Shambe Megan Tersteeg Girija Vaidya

HONORS (continued)

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE WITH DISTINCTION IN URBAN COMMUNITY HEALTH

This award recognizes students who throughout their four years of medical education completed a faculty-mentored program to enhance their knowledge and skills to more effectively work with urban communities.

Tyric Goode Alexis Cole Uma Ramaratnam Christie Jok Samantha Levine Grace Garcia

DISTINCTION IN GLOBAL HEALTH

This award recognizes students who, throughout four years of medical education, have made significant contributions to the Global Health Learning Community. **Kaitlyn Borik Kailey Davis Megan Halloran Joshua Julian Minh Pham**

Jennifer Villa

GOLD HUMANISM HONOR SOCIETY

This recognizes medical students who have been selected by their peers for their compassionate care.

Shivika Ahuja **Osha Chesnutt-von Brecht Alexis** Cole Alexander Cotter **Trent Davids Tiffany Fung Jonathan Garza Megan Halloran Conor Honan Christie** Jok Joshua Kim Jiana Machhor Haleh Matinrad **Rachel Michalowski** Mackenzie Olsen **Bernard Parrish Ami Patel Janvi** Patel **Twinkle Patel** Nikita Peramsetty **Minh Pham** Saksham Pruthi **Olivia Spaedy** Jensen Vayalil Jennifer Villa Kevin Yu

THE LEONARD TOW HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD PRESENTED BY THE ARNOLD P. GOLD FOUNDATION

Awarded to a medical student and a medical school faculty member who consistently demonstrates compassion and empathy in the delivery of care to patients.

Jensen Vayalil

Molly Rozier-Chen, M.D. Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

PAUL J. McBRYAN AWARD

In honor of Paul J. McBryan, Ph.D., to students who have demonstrated outstanding service to their classmates.

Christie Jok Haleh Matinrad

THE MICHAEL T. RAILEY WILL YOU REMEMBER AWARD

Awarded to a student who demonstrated a consistent leadership and mentorship theme in their class. The individual exemplified service to the school throughout their time at SLU. The award winner is eager to give back through mentoring and sponsorship in remembrance of the support they received as a student.

Ayanna Shambe

THE JOHN H. GLADNEY AWARD Awarded to a student who has contributed significantly to promoting and enhancing diversity in medical school. Criteria such as academic performance, extracurricular and community activities, demonstrated leadership, organizational and committee involvement.

Jennifer Villa

THE DANIEL L. BLASH HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Awarded to a student who has impacted the School of Medicine community and the community we serve. The student who receives this award is an overcomer and humanitarian. They demonstrate outstanding academic achievement. exemplary leadership skills, dedication to community service, and a strong sense of spiritual commitment. This student believes in supporting their community while fostering an environment of diversity and belonging.

Caroline Wright

DIVERSITY CHAMPION AWARD Given to students that take action and advocate for other students in order to remove external barriers that impede individuals from contributing their skills and talents in the classroom, workplace or community. Such actions include raising awareness, inspiring action, advocating for equitable opportunities, leading efforts to dismantle discrimination, etc. These students are nominated by fellow students, faculty and staff.

Tyric Goode Leighton Hope Christie Jok

MERCK BOOK AWARDS

These students, each in a particular way, have made significant contributions to the welfare of Saint Louis University School of Medicine and its students and the academic program.

Caroline Wright Minh Pham Joseph Reznikov Jennifer Villa

SMITH, RICHTER PRIZE

Established by Father Nicholas W. Smith, Damon M. Richter, and the Alfred Richter Family, this award is given to a member of the Senior Class who has demonstrated outstanding service to the school and fellow students.

Conor Honan

DR. MARTIN PATRICK SCHUTTE MEMORIAL AWARD Awarded in Honor of Martin Patrick Schutte to a medical student who demonstrates the characteristics that he embodied: a contagious smile, indomitable spirit of determination, perseverance and positive attitude, extraordinary kindness and sensitivity to the needs of others, considers their profession as a true privilege and dedicated to the highest standards in medicine, and who takes a moment every day to appreciate the amazing world around us.

Shivika Ahuja

SOCIETY FOR ACADEMIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE AWARD (SAEM)

Awarded to a member of the Senior Class who has demonstrated proficiency & excellence in the specialty of Emergency Medicine.

Joshua Julian

PAUL A. YOUNG AWARD FOR NEUROANATOMY In honor of Paul A. Young, Ph.D., Professor and Chairman Emeritus, Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology.

This award is presented to the student who excelled in the study of Neurological Anatomy.

Alborz Alimadadi

AWARDS GIVEN BY THE CLASS OF 2025

Education Facilitator Award Katherine Mathews, M.D.

Golden Apple Pre-clinical Teaching Award **Daniel Daly, Ph.D.**

Golden Apple Clinical Teaching Award Fred Buckhold, M.D. Philip Vaidyan, M.D.

Father James McKelvey Tobin Award Adam Merando, M.D.

Top Banana Resident Award Raymond Okeke, M.D.

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Awards are made by various departments to students who have demonstrated outstanding proficiency in specific course work or clinical service, or who have shown accumulative meritorious achievement in a subject.

CENTER FOR ANATOMICAL SCIENCE AND EDUCATION Vesalius Prize in Anatomy Samantha Bartholow

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEDICINE Family Medicine Department Top Student Award Victoria Leung

Family Health Foundations of Missouri Top Graduating Medical Student Award Amy DeVeydt

> INTERNAL MEDICINE Gorowny O. Broun Sr. Award Christie Jok

NEUROLOGY

Robert M. Woolsey Award Samantha Bartholow

AAN Medical Student Prize for Excellence Award Sandra Samuel

OBSTETRICS, GYNECOLOGY AND WOMEN'S HEALTH

Randall J. Meglitsch Award Megan Halloran

Academic Excellence Award Megan Zierold OTOLARYNGOLOGY John A. Stith Award Luke Heiland

PATHOLOGY Henry J. Pinkerton Award Christopher J. Dilli

Herbert B. Taylor Award Trent H. Davids

PEDIATRICS Arthur E. McElfrish Memorial Award Paige Colbert

> Robert W. Wilmott Award Megan Lantz

PSYCHIATRY BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE

Academic Leadership Award Osha Chesnutt-von Brecht

Community Psychiatry Award Ami Patel

SURGERY Frank E. Johnson Award Brooke McCollum CLASS OF 2025

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