



THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
DOWNSTATE HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

CLASS OF

2022

COMMENCEMENT

THURSDAY, MAY TWELFTH

ELEVEN IN THE MORNING & THREE IN THE AFTERNOON

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE | SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES | COLLEGE OF NURSING
SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS | SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH



Thursday,
May 12th, 2022

Eleven O'clock

School of Health Professions
College of Nursing

Three O'clock

College of Medicine
School of Graduate Studies
School of Public Health

Coney Island Amphitheater
Brooklyn, NY

The
Class of 2022
Commencement

School of
Health Professions

School of
Public Health

College of Medicine

School of
Graduate Studies

and

College of Nursing

of

The State University
of New York
Downstate Health
Sciences University



The Commencement Program

for Thursday, May 12th 11:00 a.m.

PROCESSIONAL

(Audience, please rise for the Processional)

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Zahar Alao, Class of 2022

College of Nursing

OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wayne J. Riley, M.D., MPH, MBA, MACP

President

The State University of New York

Downstate Health Sciences University

GREETINGS FROM THE DEANS

Allen N. Lewis, Jr., Ph.D., CRC

Professor and Dean, School of Health Professions

Lori A. Escallier, Ph.D., R.N., CPNP-PC, FANN

Professor and Dean, College of Nursing

GREETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES

Christianne Salac, Class of 2022

School of Health Professions

Mark Schwartz, Class of 2022

College of Nursing

PRESENTATION AND CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

Dr. Wayne J. Riley

Dr. Lori Escallier

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Doctor of Science

Daisy Cruz-Richman, Ph.D., R.N.

MUSIC CREDIT:

Marches:

Aida, Act II, Scene 2, "Triumphal March"

Giuseppe Verdi

Performed by the Budapest Scoring Symphonic Orchestra

Conducted by Peter Pejtsik

SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

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CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dr. Wayne J. Riley

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

Dr. Wayne J. Riley

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HOODING OF CANDIDATES FOR THE DPT DEGREE

Joanne Katz, Ph.D., DPT, PT

Associate Professor and Chair of Physical Therapy

COLLEGE OF NURSING

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

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CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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Annie Rohan,

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*Associate Professor and Associate Dean and Program Director,
DNP Program*

Nataliya Shaforost, DNP, FNP-C CDCES

*Director Advanced Level Program, Doctor of Nursing
Practice Core*

CLOSING REMARKS AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Dr. Wayne J. Riley

RECESSIONAL

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The Commencement Program for Thursday, May 12th 3:00 p.m.

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NATIONAL ANTHEM

Kelsha Sanchez, Class of 2022

School of Graduate Studies

OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

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President

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GREETINGS FROM THE DEANS

Dr. F. Charles Brunnicardi, M.D. FACS

Professor and Dean, College of Medicine

GREETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES

Alfonso Caetta, Class of 2022

College of Medicine

PRESENTATION AND CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES

Dr. Wayne J. Riley

Pascal James Imperato, M.D., MPH&TM, MACP

Senior Vice President and Chief Academic Officer

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Doctor of Science

Linda Ann Clayton, M.D., MPH

Harold P. Freeman, M.D.

Eli A. Friedman, M.D., MACP

Ali S. Khan, M.D., MPH, MBA

Michael Osterholm, Ph.D., MPH

John Ruffin, Ph.D.

M. Monica Sweeney, M.D., MPH, FACP

Doctor of Humane Letters

H. Carl McCall, M.Div., DD., DHL

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Mark G. Stewart, M.D., Ph.D.

*Professor and Dean, School of Graduate Studies and Vice Dean
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CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

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SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

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Dr. Wayne J. Riley

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

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HOODING OF CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEGREE

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COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

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AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

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Jason Lazar, M.D., MPH

Vice Dean for Education, College of Medicine

CLOSING REMARKS AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH

Dr. Wayne J. Riley

RECESSIONAL

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Aida, Act II, Scene 2, "*Triumphal March*"

Giuseppe Verdi

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SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL IMAGING

Ahlam Abdulla Ali
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Annie Deng

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Xiaoling Li
Sabine Maisonneuve

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Yulyia Nemalova
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Sumayah Zokari

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN MIDWIFERY

Alexandra Aparicio
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Monique Renae Crawford
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Ilene Allison Miller
Vanessa Obidimalor

Tiffany Nicole Poteat
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MASTER OF SCIENCE

MEDICAL INFORMATICS

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Khaled Khass
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Mumuni B. Musah
Amy Obicheta
Olivia Kenechukwu Obicheta
Michael John Rivera
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Kiranjeet Shelly Singh
Sarun Songpechmongkol
Jianying Weng

Hermella Wondemneh
Xueting Yang
Raymond Zhang
MIDWIFERY
Abigail Elizabeth Block
Lisa Kathryn Craig
Danielle Latoya Jodi-Kaye Daley
Viktoriya Grager
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Sumaiyah Mahfooz
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Lily Nicole Weinberg
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 Thierry Gentille
 Fuseina Gimballa
 Navneet Kaur
 Abdallah Khalil
 George Kitt
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 Frantzie Jude Jean
 Oluwanifemi Oluwatise Ogunbadejo
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** Students graduating from Physician Assistant Completion receive both the Master of Science in Physician Assistant from the School of Health Professions and the Advanced Certificate in Public Health from the School of Public Health.*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE & DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

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 Destiny Dominique Atkins
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 Shivdev Khera

Ka Mei Leung
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 Kira Prokoptchik
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 Grazia Renda
 Luciano Joseph Rua
 Christianne Joy Gala Salac
 Tian En Song
 Keith Tan

Emmanuela Tanis
 Won-Ming Ung
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 Kareem V. Wilson
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** Students graduating from Physical Therapy receive both the Bachelor of Science in Health Science and the Doctor of Physical Therapy.*

COLLEGE OF NURSING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

RN TO BS

Olayemi O. Abioye
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 Shakeyva C. Edwards
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 Margael A. Joasil
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 Monsegue
 Sangina Khalimova
 Elizabeth Malkokian
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 Lily Y. Yang

ACCELERATED BS

Kevin A. Adams-Edwards
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 Atte Alkhabbaz
 Fabiola C. Augustin
 Lillian Barakat
 Cristian Bejenaru
 Lordani Vivaldi Bonaventure
 Medgine S. Boutin
 Genova Brown

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 Jameela N. Chapman
 Elaine Chen
 Nicole M. Chernow
 Daniel Chi
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 Nyleptha M. De Souza
 Chloe K. DeAngelis
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 Dakota R. Grasman
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 Breyana Haggwood-White
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 Shevon E. Rose
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 Joshua Woods
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 Yan Zheng
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 Valerie Zolkina
 Michal T. Zupnick

MASTER OF SCIENCE**FAMILY NURSE
PRACTITIONER**

Romana Akter
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Ozadakhon Almatova
Sindy P. Alonso
Tiffany Genesis Alvarez
Oksana Andriyak
Iryna Barayeva
Josephine Esi Boateng
Boburjon Olimjonov
Gulmira Boltaeva
Josephine A. Campbell
Suelee Cheong
Olga Chepurko
Colby Chilson
Deeka-Gaye Cole
Osayuwa Erica Cox
Elina Davidov
Elizabeth Heather Davis
Fatoumata Binta Diallo
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Starr L. Eaddy
Zakaria Elwiddi
Erna L. Excellent
Andy Foo
Jeong-Hoon Ham
Simone Maree Hannah-Clark
Billie Hector
Marina Henedy
Johannes Christoph Hirt
Emily Mara Hochman
Christopher Michael Howard
Bianca C. Julien
Mireille Jumeau
Saifally Khan
Nhung Hong Khuu
Diana Kirillova
Olga Kiselova
Nancy Marie Kuohn
Shannon Kelly Laperche
Marieclaude Lareche Jeanty
Congcong Li

Xiaojing Liu
Lyalya Logush
Shanti Maharjan
Amulang Eduardovna Mantsynov
Crystal G. Marrero
Christina Martinez
Devica Matuknath
Shelly Shamara Mc Lean
Blondelle Meade-Kennedy
Diana Attakora Mensah
Sarah Nadine Micley
Laighah S. Montaser
Alanna Mordukhayev
Wendy Moreta
Jovita Mui
Elva Elizabeth Murray
Khushboo Nagpal
Nurun Nahar
Stefany C. Nijman
Irisi Papapavullo-Nikolla
Hayley Renee Petersen
Gabrielle Rabinovits
Agnieszka Ewa Rampat Singh
Kelita A. Raphael
Daniel Renda
Rebecca Lee Riche
Esther Anne Saint-Vil
Paula Salazar
Kristen Allison Sampson
Jaspreet Kaur Sandhu
Judith Silber
Brandon Alexander Smith
Joann Smith
Stephanie Soberanis
Caroline Subodhini Srikumar
Ni Sun
Riyad Taha
Hira Tanvir
Sarah Ternier
Jill Ann Thompson
Anne Beatrice Torres
Rada Vilnits
Grace Wang

Carol Wei
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Alexandra Werner
Stephanie Wong
Frieda Wrotslavsky
Joseph Wolfgang Yin
Amir S. Ziyamov
Maria Zorina

**NURSE
MIDWIFERY***

Alexandra Aparicio
Monique Renae Crawford
Dawntress Evette Hassell
Tyla S. Leach
Ilene Allison Miller
Vanessa Obidimalor
Tiffany Nicole Poteat
Emily Sarah Pusey
Arielle C. Sooknanan
Siobhan Aileen Whalen

** Students graduating from Nurse Midwifery receive both the Master of Science in Nurse Midwifery from the College of Nursing and the Advanced Certificate in Midwifery from the School of Health Professions.*

**WOMEN'S
HEALTH NURSE
PRACTITIONER**

Shavon Latia Bailey
Erica Johanna Barnica
Sophie Begas
Cassandra Amanda Bennett
Nicole Racquel Brown
Jenny Lorena Cardenas Reyes
Erin Christiano
Saritt S. Cohen
Stacey Coles
Alexandra Desbas
Erma Erika Pelaez Entena

COLLEGE OF NURSING

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Mitasha C. Joseph-Sohan

Zulaykho Katayev
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Chingyin Liu
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Kimberly I. Murray
Jill Myerson
Kimberly Anne Ordonez

Graziella M. Orecchio
Jennifer Rose Raduazzo
Alyssa Tiffany Ramsay
Maria Elisa San Román
Anya Melissa Sargeant
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Ahjale Thybulle
Tracey-Ann Treadwell
Elzbieta Trybala

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

Monica Christian
Michelle Solove Fried
Maria Furman

WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER

Rivka Jakobov
Shaina Sarah Minkoff
Shelly Hodaya Twito

NURSE EDUCATION

Jacqueline Elizabeth Broomes
Daphne B. Phanord

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Mary Temilola Abdul
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Maytal Dayan
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Mark Jesse Schwartz
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Marie Paris Wilson

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Sheerin Alandejani

Molecular & Cellular Biology

Identification and Cytolytic Function of a Novel NK Cell Surface Receptor that Binds Haymaker on the K562 Leukemia Cell Line

Evan Austin

Molecular & Cellular Biology

Red Light from Light-Emitting Diodes as a Melanoma Therapy

Robert G. W. Colbourn

Neural & Behavioral Science

Rapid Volume Pulsations of the Brain's Extracellular Space Underlying Seizures

William R. Fyke, III

Neural & Behavioral Science

Identifying Therapeutic Targets for The Treatment of Fragile X Syndrome: Implications for Autism Spectrum Disorders

Sofya Gindina

Neural & Behavioral Science

Tissue Plasminogen Activator: Mechanistic Studies in Steroid-Induced Glaucoma

Stacey A. Saenz de Viteri

Neural & Behavioral Science

Neurocognitive and genetic influences on post-traumatic stress and risky alcohol use in trauma-exposed adolescent and young adult offspring from families enriched with Alcohol Use Disorders

Joseph S. Thomas

Biomedical Engineering

The Use of Supercharged Coiled-Coil Proteins in Combination with Lipid Carriers for Efficient siRNA Delivery

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC HEALTH

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| Jason Cephas | Yana Kryvokhyzha | Michael David Silver |
| Fiola Ilka Charles | Bianna Kuris | Nancy M. Torres |
| Khalil B. Daghfous | Margaret Lancelle | Ariel Nicole Tzamarot |
| Erika Gonzalez | Zavian Larmond | Cheyenne J. Van Dyke |
| Saeed Abdelhamid Hashem | Hannah Lee | Shayna Rachel Wrublik |
| Kimberly Javed | Melissa A. Madden | |
| Jacinta Ifeyinwa Jiwike | Chano Mal | |

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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| Sanya Anand | Natalya Chernichenko | Gladis Madelin Fuentes Salmeron |
| Carolyn Mckenzie Andrews | Kenneth Francis Chiu | Sonia Gandhi |
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| Sharon Abbegale Billey | Sheba Demis | Christina Dilia Guillen |
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| Brianna Joelle Bolanos | Marc El Beaino | Beatrice Hyppolite |
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| Daphne L Brown | Abigail Leola Evans | Anjolie Jacques |
| Sandra A. Bruening | Kenrick Alexander Everett | Sheikh Hasnat Jahan |
| Jackee E. Bustos | Olivia Exama | Ramatoulaye Jalloh |

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 Majo Joseph
 Samantha J. Kennedy
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 Alicia Asha Killikelly
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 Mariam Konate
 Sanjan Kumar
 Kayla Jahmila Amanda
 Lawrence-White
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 Olivier Debell Leas
 Lily Wei Lee
 Tatiana B.Lee
 Xhenete Lekperic
 Priscilla Lisboa
 Ashanti M. Loadholt
 Tanya Lopez
 Francesca Rae Macaluso
 Francesca Marie Maglione
 Meneka Makhijani
 Vanessa Isabella Manzolillo
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 Kimberly Mathurin
 Natasha Mills
 Edeline J. Mitton

Awilda Montes
 Christopher S. Murray
 Mohamed Lamine Naite
 Rozena Nandedwalla
 Zainab Nathani
 Khawar Nawaz
 Maimouna Ndiaye
 Vivian L. Nguyen
 Sadia Nusrat
 Jurido Olukunle
 Egbebalakhamen Osa
 Jayce Lee O'Shields
 Gabriela De Los Angeles Paredes
 Kharnel N. Park
 Andrea Vanessa Parsons
 Simran Patel
 Juliana Phanor
 Nicole Pierrette
 Daniela Pinzon
 Audrey Marcia Plummer-Tulloch
 Samanta Nandy Previl
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 Reina Carina Sadler
 Fequere Saint Georges
 Maria Concetta Saitta
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 Oriana C. Sanchez Cruzado
 Mayerline Sanders
 Kayla M. Schacher
 Yael Schechter

Christian Mario Schettini
 Meaghan Anne Schurr
 Serin Ipek Seckin
 Rumaysa B. Sharif
 Anna Shats
 Anuradha Shetty
 Joanne Chao-Yuan Sheu
 Khadijah M. Silver
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 Kelsey Sklar
 Matthew Terrence Smith
 Kim S. Son-Nelson
 Monique Shantae Stone
 Rawlica Sumner
 Cindy Shih-Yun Sun
 Aimee Zeoweh Tarr
 Jamila A. Taylor
 Donalee Thomas
 Vivian G. To
 Korto E. Togba-Osinubi
 Danvy Ann Truong
 Michelle P. Tuz
 Nicolás A. Ugaz-Valencia
 Osato Osahon Ukponmwan
 Alla Grigoryevna Vasserman
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 Brendan Patrick Walsh
 Lulu Wei
 Briana West
 Adiba I Yeakub
 William R. Young
 Abdoul-Aziz D Zanre
 Dong Y. Zhen
 Jordan Zhou
 Stephen G. Ziska

DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Shannon Marie Caravello

What Awareness and Perception Factors are Associated with Plant-Based Dietary Intake Among Young Adults Who Attend an Urban Community College?

Ludmila Ferruzzi

Process and Outcome Evaluation of a University Hospital Antimicrobial Stewardship Program on Nosocomial Clostridioides difficile Infection

Bianca Dionysia Rivera

An examination of the digital determinants of stroke prevention and rehabilitation in the U.S.

Natalie Octave

An Exploration of Intergenerational Dietary Acculturation Experiences of Afro-Caribbean Adults and Teens

Dominique M. Stutts

Arsenic in Commonly Consumed Food Products and Cancer Outcome in U.S. Adults: A Risk Assessment Study

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HONORARY DEGREES: 2020 - 2022

2022

Linda Ann Clayton, M.D., MPH

Honorary Doctor of Science

A PIONEER IN DEFINING STRUCTURAL RACISM IN MEDICINE

Nominated in recognition of her distinguished work in public health, impactful focus on health equity, and significant scholarship in the field of health disparities.

Dr. Linda Clayton is a gynecologic-oncologist / obstetrician-gynecologist and distinguished author whose career has been concentrated in academic medicine, health policy, and population health. She is known, along with her late husband, medical historian W. Michael Byrd, M.D., for groundbreaking research on the evolution and extent of health disparities affecting African Americans, racialized ethnic minorities, women, and other groups. With her husband, she co-authored the two-volume Pulitzer Prize-nominated book, *An American Health Dilemma*. Dr. Clayton is the first African-American woman to be sub-specialty trained in gynecologic oncology.

After graduating from North Carolina Central University, Dr. Clayton earned her M.D. degree (1975) and completed an OB/GYN residency (1979) and a Gynecologic Oncology fellowship (1982) at Duke University. After earning her MPH degree from Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health in 1992, she was invited to join its faculty.

Dr. Clayton is the recipient of numerous awards and has also received Honorary Doctorate Degrees in Humanities and Education. She has served as a consultant with the National Cancer Institute, the National Medical Association (NMA), and the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC).

Now retired from practice, Dr. Clayton continues to serve as Senior Research Scientist and Instructor in the Division of Public Health Practice at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, a position she has held continuously since her initial appointment in 1992.

Michael Osterholm, Ph.D., MPH

Honorary Doctor of Science

PUBLIC SERVICE ON THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STAGE

Nominated in recognition of his national and international work in public health and his dedication to teaching and mentoring public health researchers.

Dr. Michael Osterholm is a prominent public health academician and leading authority on infectious disease epidemiology. He is the Founder and Director of the highly acclaimed Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP) at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Osterholm has served as an advisor to presidential administrations of both parties and as a Science Envoy for Health Security on behalf of the United States Department of State. He is an outspoken advocate of developing national emergency preparedness for biological weapon attacks and a leading spokesperson on the public health impact of COVID-19.

From 2001 through early 2005, Dr. Osterholm served as Special Advisor to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services on issues related to bioterrorism and public health preparedness. He has held appointments with the National Science Advisory Board on Biosecurity and the World Economic Forum Working Group on Pandemics. In 2020, Dr. Osterholm was appointed to then-President-elect Joe Biden's 13-member Transition COVID-19 Advisory Board.

Dr. Osterholm has published numerous editorial and opinion pieces in the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* and has appeared on "Meet the Press" and other national newscasts. He is the creator and host of the Osterholm Update, a podcast that has served as a major source of information throughout the COVID-19 epidemic.

Dr. Osterholm holds an M.S. in Environmental Health, an MPH in Epidemiology, and a Ph.D. in Environmental Health, all from the University of Minnesota. He has been a frequent consultant to the World Health Organization, the National Institutes of Health, the Food and Drug Administration, the Department of Defense, and the Centers for Disease Control.

He is the author of more than 315 papers and

abstracts, including 21 book chapters. He serves on the boards of nine epidemiology and infectious disease journals and is a reviewer for *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

Dr. Osterholm is a member of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) and the Council of Foreign Relations and has received major research awards from the NIH and the CDC.

2021

Harold P. Freeman, M.D.

Honorary Doctor of Science

THE PREEMINENT AUTHORITY ON RACE, POVERTY, AND CANCER

Nominated for exceptional distinction and contributions to medicine, and for advancing diversity and equity in the health and science professions.

Dr. Harold P. Freeman is revered as a champion of health equity and justice for communities of color and at-risk populations. He was the chief architect of the American Cancer Society's initiative on cancer among disadvantaged populations and an innovator who pioneered the Patient Navigator model of care. Among his many honors and accomplishments, Dr. Freeman served as national President of the American Cancer Society, four-term Chair of the President's Cancer Panel, Founding Director of the National Cancer Institute's Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities, and is a 2000 Lasker Laureate.

Dr. Freeman earned his M.D. from Howard University Medical School (1958) and completed residencies at Howard University Hospital and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. He is a Diplomat of the American Board of Surgery, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and a member of the Institute of Medicine. Additionally, he is an Emeritus Professor of Clinical Surgery at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Senior Advisor to the Director of the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, Director of Howard University, and a Trustee of Howard University Hospital.

When Dr. Freeman began his medical career in the 1970s, bias and discrimination against minorities were common in health care. Basic primary care was severely lacking for people of color and generally unavailable in the poorest

communities. Medical research on the health problems of African-Americans, particularly among African-American women, lagged significantly behind that of white Americans. African-Americans experienced higher morbidity and mortality rates than their white counterparts in nearly every disease category. Dr. Freeman's life work has been committed to addressing these injustices and ensuring that all people receive the best possible care, regardless of their color or income.

Dr. Freeman is currently the Founder and President/CEO of the Harold P. Freeman Patient Navigation Institute, a health care model he pioneered that aims to improve health care by facilitating convenient and integrated care.

Dr. Freeman continues to challenge leaders in health care and medical research to broaden their understanding and their approach to human disease. Above all else, he remains committed to patients and his community.

Ali S. Khan, M.D., MPH, MBA

Honorary Doctor of Science

A DISEASE DETECTIVE DEDICATED TO PROTECTING THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH

Nominated for driving innovation in public health, combating emerging infectious diseases and bioterrorism, and skill in aligning national objectives with evolving science and political environments.

Dr. Ali S. Khan is an expert on emerging infectious diseases, bioterrorism, and global health. He is a Retired Assistant Surgeon General and the CDC's former Director of the Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response. Dr. Khan currently serves as Dean and Professor of Epidemiology for the College of Public Health at the University of Nebraska. He is the author of *The Next Pandemic: On the Front Lines Against Humankind's Gravest Dangers*, released in 2016.

Dr. Khan is a medical doctor by training and an epidemiologist by career, known for driving innovation in public health and leading organizational change. He served with the CDC from 1991 to 2014. While there, Dr. Khan gained a reputation for delivering results and initiating programmatic advances to address infectious diseases, food safety, global health, and health security.

Over the course of successive appointments at the CDC, Dr. Khan proved successful at aligning national objectives with evolving science and political environments. Many of his assignments were directed at responding to high profile domestic and international public health emergencies, including outbreaks of Ebola hemorrhagic fever, severe acute respiratory

syndrome (SARS), the initial public health response to Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, and the anthrax attack on the Senate Office Buildings in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Khan earned his M.D. degree, summa cum laude, from SUNY Downstate's College of Medicine in 1987. He completed a combined residency in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics in 1991 at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor. He holds an MPH from Emory University and an MBA from the University of Nebraska.

In his current appointment as Dean of Public Health at the University of Nebraska, Dr. Khan has strengthened the College's reach and advanced its reputation. He continues to consult for multiple U.S. organizations (including Major League Baseball), for Ministries of Health in foreign countries, and for the World Health Organization.

M. Monica Sweeney, M.D., MPH, FACP

Honorary Doctor of Science

A COMMUNITY HEALTH CHAMPION WHO SHAPED THE LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE HIV/AIDS CRISIS

Nominated in recognition of her extensive work to combat HIV/AIDS as New York City Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau of HIV/AIDS and member of the U.S. Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS.

Dr. M. Monica Sweeney is a champion for health equity and a public health advocate. She served two terms as a member of the U.S. Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, was former Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control in the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYCDHMH), and, for close to two decades, was director of a clinic in the heart of Brooklyn's Bedford Stuyvesant community, an inner-city healthcare "desert" in which people of color continue to be affected by HIV/AIDS at epidemic levels.

Dr. Sweeney has received numerous awards for her work and is now Professor and Chair Emerita of Health Policy and Management at Downstate's School of Public Health.

In 2007, Dr. Sweeney was appointed to head the Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control in NYCHMH, a position that gave her a platform to address the HIV/AIDS epidemic across the five boroughs of New York City. Dr. Sweeney oversaw a comprehensive effort to improve HIV prevention, diagnosis, and treatment by using surveillance data, medical home care, case management, and patient navigation

techniques. She launched large-scale testing programs and expanded prevention campaigns. She deftly used the media to advance the Bureau's mission.

The epidemiologic programs, techniques, tools, and prevention campaigns Dr. Sweeney launched are still used, and NYCDHMH continues to be guided by the foundation she laid to combat HIV/AIDS stigma, bias, and discrimination.

Dr. Sweeney earned her M.D. degree and completed her internship and residency training at SUNY Downstate's College of Medicine. She holds an MPH from Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. She is board-certified in Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

2020

Daisy Cruz-Richman, Ph.D., R.N.

Honorary Doctor of Science

MAKING A DIFFERENCE BY RAISING THE PROFILE AND RIGOR OF NURSING EDUCATION

Nominated for strengthening Nursing education nationally in concert with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Dr. Daisy Cruz-Richman is Dean Emerita of SUNY Downstate's College of Nursing. While Dean, she strengthened Nursing Programs within SUNY Downstate and throughout The State University of New York system; provided leadership to nationally important programs; and strengthened academic rigor in the nursing profession in concert with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

With over 350 students, Downstate's College of Nursing is one of the largest in New York State. Under Dr. Cruz-Richman's leadership, the College revised graduate and undergraduate Nursing curricula; launched the Accelerated Bachelor of Nursing Program; developed a Center for Nursing Scholarship and state-of-the-art Nursing Simulation Center; appointed the College's first Associate Dean for Research and Innovations; and launched the College's first Honor Society. She won more than \$5 million in grant funding from state and national sources to support Nursing Programs at Downstate.

In 2006, Dr. Cruz-Richman was one of 15 Nursing leaders charged by the AACN Board of Directors with revising its 1998 document, *Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice*. In 2012, she chaired the AACN's national RN-BSN Task Force that wrote its White Paper on Expectations for

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Practice Experiences in the RN to Baccalaureate Curriculum. She was a founding member of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's "New Careers in Nursing" scholarship program, designed to increase the number of bachelor-prepared nurses in the workforce.

Dr. Cruz-Richman holds multiple advanced degrees in Nursing, Education, and Psychology. She served on the faculty of SUNY Downstate's College of Nursing from her initial appointment in 1979, until her retirement in 2017.

Eli A. Friedman, M.D., MACP

Honorary Doctor of Science

COMMANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELDS OF NEPHROLOGY AND DIALYSIS

Nominated in recognition of his leadership and lifetime efforts to extend the life-saving technology of dialysis to ever broader communities.

Dr. Eli A. Friedman is one of the world's most renowned figures in the field of nephrology. Though he did not invent hemodialysis, Dr. Friedman was centrally involved in refining the techniques by which this life-saving modality is applied. By developing the portable "suitcase dialyzer," he added immeasurably to the ability of dialysis patients to live a relatively normal lifestyle.

Throughout his career, Dr. Friedman worked, collaborated with, or advised virtually every major clinician in the field of end-stage renal disease and renal transplantation. He trained more than 160 nephrology fellows, many of whom went on to distinguished academic and clinical careers.

Before Dr. Friedman launched the first Federally-funded dialysis program in 1964 at Kings County Hospital Center, patients with chronic renal failure faced inevitable and imminent death. Since then, more than one million Americans have undergone the lifesaving procedure.

Dr. Friedman is a 1957 graduate of SUNY Downstate's College of Medicine. He returned to Downstate in 1963 as an Assistant Professor of Medicine and Chief of the newly created Renal Disease Division and spent his entire career in service at SUNY Downstate. He was appointed a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor in 1992 and formally retired in 2019.

Dr. Friedman has served as president, chairman, or member of numerous professional societies and committees. He is the recipient of 95 national and international honors, awards, and medals, including two honorary degrees and several lifetime achievement awards, as well as multiple designations on "Top Doctor" lists. He

served as editor or on the editorial boards of 25 scientific journals and is the author of 520 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters.

Dr. Friedman is a Master of the American College of Physicians and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians.

H. Carl McCall, M.Div., DD., DHL

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

CHAIRMAN EMERITUS OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK: A LIFE DEDICATED TO PUBLIC SERVICE

Nominated in recognition of his contributions to Downstate, New York State, and the nation, and his impactful advocacy for social justice and community engagement.

The Honorable H. Carl McCall has led a storied life and has had an equally storied impact on New York State, on the nation, and on the hundreds of thousands of students who attended SUNY while he served as a Member and Chair of its Board of Trustees. He is a civil rights activist, astute business leader, and champion for access and equality in higher education who, over the course of his career, has served as a New York State Senator, ordained minister, Ambassador to the United Nations, Commissioner of the New York State Division of Human Rights, Commissioner of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, New York State Comptroller, and Board member of the New York Stock Exchange.

Under Mr. McCall's leadership, SUNY initiated programs and policies that defined the core values of the State University of New York. This includes a system-wide diversity policy, expansion of Educational Opportunity Programs, implementation of the most robust measures in the nation to prevent sexual assault on college campuses, the end of criminal conviction disclosure in SUNY admissions, and implementation of a system-wide initiative to increase the number of underrepresented faculty.

SUNY appointed 93 College Presidents, Officers-in-Charge, and Deans on Mr. McCall's watch. He oversaw the adoption of multiple international exchange agreements with the nations of Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Cuba. Additionally, he created the SUNY Impact Foundation, the first foundation dedicated to serving the needs of SUNY students system-wide.

On retirement from the Board of Trustees in 2019, Mr. McCall was appointed Chairman Emeritus in recognition of his many years of service and his ongoing involvement in providing expertise to the Board.

Mr. McCall was educated at Dartmouth College, Andover Newton Theological Seminary, and Edinburgh University. He is the recipient of ten honorary degrees.

John Ruffin, Ph.D.

Honorary Doctor of Science

FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES

Nominated for elevating the national discourse on minority health and launching health disparities research to the status of scientific discipline.

Dr. John Ruffin has devoted his career to improving the health status of racial and ethnic minorities and underserved populations. As the NIH federal official for minority health disparities research, Dr. Ruffin planned and brought to fruition the most extensive biomedical research program in the nation aimed at efforts to eliminate health disparities. Over his more than 20-year career at the NIH, he transformed research on minority health and health disparities from a programmatic concept to a fully-realized entity that, as a National Institute, touches the lives of millions of Americans burdened by inequalities in health status and healthcare delivery.

Dr. Ruffin retired from the NIH in 2014. He currently serves as a Senior Fellow with the Cobb Institute, which functions as a community of researchers and practitioners who advance evidence-based solutions for racial and ethnic disparities in health and health care. After retirement, Dr. Ruffin published "Going the Distance, The Making of a National Health Disparities Research Enterprise," which chronicles the birth and evolution of the minority health and health disparities research agenda within the NIH.

Dr. Ruffin earned a Ph.D. in Systematic and Developmental Biology from Kansas State University and completed post-doctoral studies at Harvard University. He has also served as a Cabot Teaching Fellow at Harvard University and Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at North Carolina Central University.

Dr. Ruffin's record of professional achievement includes ten honorary doctor of science degrees. He has given hundreds of presentations and keynote speeches on health disparities to agencies, scientific organizations, organizations, and universities and delivered testimony to Commissions and Congress. He has received numerous awards from professional, non-profit, and advocacy organizations.

Messages to the Alumni

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To the Class of 2022,

It is a great privilege for me to congratulate you, the Class of 2022, on this momentous occasion.

As we continue to emerge from the pandemic and the uncertainties imposed onto our everyday lives, rest assured the College of Medicine's spirit of perseverance and progress was active throughout the 2021-2022 academic year, and we continue to find hope as you graduate today and move into this next season of your lives.

Today is the beginning of your relationship with the College of Medicine as Alumni. On the day, you accepted your offer of admission from the College of Medicine at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University, you joined a lifelong community. In fact, you joined more than a community—you joined a family. And like your own family, you remain a member of the College of Medicine family for life. You share a common bond with thousands of other Alumni. Every time you see someone wearing a College of Medicine at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University sweatshirt, or whenever you read about the accomplishments of a fellow alumnus, it is my hope that you'll feel a sense of pride and nostalgia.

As you depart the College of Medicine, I challenge you, each in your own way, to allow your academic experiences to serve as the foundation upon which you build productive careers. Allow your social interactions with faculty, staff, administrators, and your fellow students guide you as you interact with individuals in the workplace and in society. Allow the College's commitment to you to be a model for your commitment to yourself, your family, your community, and your Alma Mater.

It is my desire for you to live rich, satisfying personal lives filled with love and laughter. I hope you find

ways to share your skills as physicians to make your communities healthier places for yourselves and your neighbors, to grow and continue learning for the rest of your lives. Having graduated medical school, you have shown yourselves to be conquerors, with the courage, compassion, strength, and tenacity to overcome every obstacle you may encounter.

Graduates, each of you has successfully completed multiple years of rigorous learning and skill development to earn your degree. You have proven your readiness for success. Now you have the honor and privilege of continuing your compassionate work of caring for those in need. I have been consistently impressed and invigorated with stories shared about the research and clinical work you've conducted over your academic journey. Here is to you, the next generation of doctors and the newest members of the College of Medicine SUNY Downstate Alumni Family!

My charge to you is to see the horizon as an invitation to expand your reach and accomplish all that you set your minds to do. The torch has been passed to you with the expectation that you will hold it higher and carry it farther than those who walked before you.

Congratulations once again on this amazing milestone, graduating from the College of Medicine at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University is an achievement you can be proud of for the rest of your life.

With all good wishes,

Dr. Pierre Arty '90

President

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Dear SOHP 2022 Graduate,

Congratulations Class of 2022! We are proud to welcome each one of you as a Downstate Health Sciences University, School of Health Professions (SOHP) alumna/alumnus, where many alumni before you are outstanding examples in the field of healthcare.

The SOHP has a long history of educating students preparing them for a variety of healthcare careers, namely physician assistants, occupational therapists, physical therapists, diagnostic medical sonographers, midwives, and medical informaticists. We are committed to continuing to serve you, our newest alumni, through evidence-based professional development and continuing education, networking activities, and fun events. We need your help to be successful in these endeavors.

Joining the SOHP Alumni Association helps to ensure that our students have an opportunity to interact with homegrown healthcare professionals as mentors. Your

time and talents as alumni can benefit students who are matriculating as well as help attract new students.

We hope that you consider staying active with the SOHP family as a way to give back to the institution that helped put you on track to become an exceptional healthcare professional. There are many ways you can be involved.

Please continue to visit us on the website, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Facebook for information on future Alumni activities. You may also contact Assistant Dean Phillip Bones (SOHP Alumni Association Contact Person: phillip.bones@downstate.edu).

No matter where you are, we want to reach out and engage with you.

Sincerely,

Allen Lewis, Ph.D., CRC

Dean and Professor

School of Health Professions

Downstate Health Sciences University

COLLEGE OF NURSING

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Congratulations, New Alumni of the College of Nursing!

On behalf of the College of Nursing, I would like to congratulate and welcome the class of 2022 to our alumni family. For our new alumni, and as well as our existing alumni, please consider our invitation to get involved.

There are many opportunities for you to participate in our vibrant college, such as serving on my advisory board, as guest speakers and on student panels, support for current students through a mentoring relationship, or supporting our college through monetary gifts. We seek your continued support, and we need you!

There are currently two ways to make a gift. I established the *Nursing Cares Fund* in 2019 to assist Downstate College of Nursing students in meeting immediate financial expenses due to unforeseen, temporary hardships. Awards not exceeding \$500 are made to eligible nursing students in an effort to maintain academic progression and well-being in the student's program of study. Covered expenses for students experiencing hardship include textbooks, travel costs due to death or illness of an immediate family member, medications, eyeglasses, food, technological support, clothing, shelter, or disaster relief.

The other opportunity for gift-giving is through our *College of Nursing Giving Tree*. The Giving Tree provides scholarships for students who excel academically, clinically, or who demonstrate outstanding leadership.

Your donation to the Growing the Future of Nursing Giving Tree will help us continue to achieve our mission and to enhance the educational experience of our students. The hand-crafted tree is located at the entrance of the College of Nursing and welcomes our students, faculty, staff, and guests. As your donations accrue, the tree will continue to grow. Please consider commemorating a loved one or acknowledging a special achievement.

For more information about how to support the future of the College of Nursing, visit our web site:

<https://www.downstate.edu/education-training/college-of-nursing/giving-tree/index.html>

I would love to hear from you if you are interested in becoming involved as a College of Nursing alumnus. I am pleased to work alongside each of you as we move forward together to provide outstanding nursing education and change the world as Downstate nurses!

Please stay in touch and update your address with Ms. Karen Thomas at Karen.Thomas-Lovell@downstate.edu and, as always, feel free to contact me at lori.escallier@downstate.edu

My very best wishes,

Lori Escallier, Ph.D. RN CPNP-PC FAAN

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Downstate Health Sciences University

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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To the New Alumni of the School of Public Health,

Congratulations on your success! Your degree represents your commitment and hard work, and I hope you take a moment to reflect on your accomplishments. As you venture forward, please don't hesitate to engage with the Downstate community. I would encourage you to keep in contact with your peers and professors, not only to stay abreast of potential opportunities for career enhancement and community engagement, but to help support the next generation of leaders in public health as well. The diversity of the Downstate community and its unifying dedication to service are what make it unique, and your newfound voice as an alumni and public health professional is an invaluable resource. I look forward to building a stronger Downstate community alongside you while promoting health and wellness for all into the future!

Best wishes in your endeavors!

Jake Littman

SPH alumnus '20

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SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

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To the New Alumni of the School of Graduate Studies,

Congratulations on reaching this milestone. We want to stay in touch with you throughout your careers. First, if we can help with anything, please do not hesitate to reach back to your Graduate School - we will do everything we can to help you as you navigate your careers. Second, we love to engage you as a seminar speaker, Annual Research Day judge, and career role model. Thank you for your contributions to the Graduate School and don't forget to reach back and lend a hand or your experience where you can.

Best wishes in your every endeavor,

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History of SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University

SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University is one of four academic health science centers within the 64-unit State University of New York. SUNY Downstate includes the College of Medicine, School of Graduate Studies, College of Nursing, School of Health Professions, School of Public Health, a major research center, several biotechnology sites, and University Hospital of Downstate.

The year 2022 marks the 163rd anniversary of SUNY Downstate's emergence as a leader in American medical education. In 1860, the Collegiate Division of the Long Island College Hospital (as it was then known) first opened its doors to students. The school revolutionized medicine in the United States: for the first time in this country, the teaching of medicine was brought to the hospital bedside and the idea that physicians should be trained exclusively in university classrooms and lecture halls was rejected.

In 1931, the school was rechartered as the Long Island College of Medicine. The "Downstate" era began on April 5, 1950, when a merger contract was signed between the Long Island College of Medicine and the newly constituted State University of New York. Several years later, Downstate's current flagship campus was built in East Flatbush, Brooklyn. In April 1953, ground was broken for the Basic Sciences Building, and President Dwight D. Eisenhower laid the cornerstone in 1954. The complex was expanded in 1966 with the opening of University Hospital of Downstate, the School of Health Professions, and the College of Nursing. The School of Public Health was established in 2009. In 2019, Downstate's name was

officially changed to SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University, to more accurately capture the total breadth of the institution's contributions to higher education, scholarship, workforce development, and health care.

Today, SUNY Downstate is the focal point of a health education network that encompasses numerous healthcare sites. It offers students broad professional education opportunities, especially for those committed to combating the spread of disease and eliminating health disparities in urban and underserved communities. It plays an important role, nationally and regionally, in the physician and healthcare-professional supply chain. The College of Medicine ranks fourth among the nation's 154 accredited medical schools in the number of graduates who hold an active license to practice medicine and is the top producer of physicians in New York State and New York City.

Downstate faculty members were the first to produce full-body human images using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and the first to successfully perform open-heart surgery in New York State. We were the first to establish a federally funded dialysis clinic in the United States, prove that alcoholism has a genetic link, conduct a federal study of perinatal transmission of HIV disease, and identify the important role that nitric oxide plays in cardiovascular health.

This last discovery led to the award of the 1998 Nobel Prize for Medicine or Physiology to the late Downstate faculty member Dr. Robert F. Furchgott.

The Academic Procession

The procession is led by the presiding marshal. Other members of the procession include faculty marshals (chosen by the graduates), faculty members, deans, honorary degree recipients, and the president of SUNY Downstate.

The academic gown worn by procession members is said to be symbolic of the “democracy of scholarship,” for it covers any dress of rank or social standing underneath.

Academic gowns originated in the Middle Ages, the period when universities were beginning to take form. At that time, most scholars were also clerics-and therefore dressed as clerics, in long gowns. Over time, the gown became the accepted dress code for scholars: in England, in the second half of the 14th century, for example, several colleges forbade “excess in apparel” and decreed the wearing of long gowns.

The assignment of colors to signify different academic disciplines developed much later, and was standardized in the United States in the late 19th century. In 1895, an intercollegiate commission composed of representatives from leading colleges established a code of academic dress that prescribed cut, style, and materials of the gowns, as well as colors to represent different fields of learning. Today, academic dress code is regulated

by a formal Committee on Academic Costumes and Ceremonies created by the American Council on Education in 1952.

The gown is usually black for all degrees, with variations in the sleeves, the front cut, and trim. The bachelor’s degree gown is black with long pointed sleeves. The master’s degree gown is black without trim and has oblong sleeves so the upper part of the arm comes through the slit in the sleeve. Doctoral (Ph.D.) gowns are black with bell-shaped sleeves. Mortarboards (caps) with tassels have their own significance. Master’s and bachelor’s tassels are black, while the Ph.D. tassel may be black or gold; medicine is green.

Hood colors indicate the field of learning: dark blue-philosophy; green-medicine; light blue-education; apricot-nursing; golden yellow-science; white-history; purple-law; dark blue-psychology; salmon-public health; and teal-physical therapy.

Details of academic attire may vary depending on where faculty members completed their degrees. Some foreign degree holders, for example, wear special hats, distinctive to their degree and institution. Whatever the differences, however, the governing tradition is continuity of the academic symbols from the Middle Ages.

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OATH OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

As a member of the graduating classes of the School of Health Professions and the College of Nursing,

I solemnly pledge my commitment to the faithful practice of my profession and the provision of high-quality healthcare services, scientific inquiry, and the collective actions necessary to protect and advance the health of all people, with honesty, integrity, and dedication.

I recognize and value human diversity and will provide individualized services for all who seek my care or assistance and respect the rights, values, beliefs, and cultures of those individuals and communities with whom I work.

I will hold as my primary responsibility the health, safety, welfare, and dignity of all human beings.

I will hold in confidence the information shared in the course of my professional service.

I will rely on evidence to support my decisions and actions, and translate that evidence into policies and programs that improve health for all.

I will accept responsibility for my actions and uphold the standards of my profession.

I will actively seek to expand my knowledge and skills as I engage in lifelong learning.

I will add to the body of research and knowledge and share my discoveries.

I will use my experiences to contribute to an improved community and will seek new information and be open to ideas that can better protect and promote the health of individuals in my care and the health of populations.

I will advance health literacy for all and seek equity and justice for vulnerable populations.

My functions and goals are based upon my commitment to the expansion of medical knowledge and the improvement of public health and healthcare for all those in need of the skills of my profession.

I make these commitments freely and with honor.

THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH

I do solemnly swear by that
which I hold most sacred:

That I will be loyal to the profession of medicine
and just and generous to its members;

That I will lead my life and practice my art
in uprightness and honor;

That whatever house I shall enter, it shall be for the
good of the sick to the utmost of my power;

That I will hold myself aloof from wrong;

That I will exercise my art solely for the cure of my
patients, and will give no drug and perform no
operation for a wrongful purpose;

That whatsoever I shall see or hear of the lives of
men and women that should not be spoken,
I will keep secret;

These I do promise, and, in proportion as I am
faithful to this my oath, may happiness and good
repute be ever mine.

