



THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
DOWNSTATE HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

Class of 2025

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

THE AMPHITHEATER AT
CONEY ISLAND
BROOKLYN, NY



THE CLASS OF 2025 COMMENCEMENT

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

College of Nursing
School of Health Professions
School of Public Health

THREE O'CLOCK

School of Graduate Studies
College of Medicine



The Commencement Program

Tuesday, May 20th 11:00 a.m.

PROCESSIONAL

(Audience, please rise for the Processional)

PRESIDING MARSHAL

Jeffrey S. Putman, Ed.D.

Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Ellie Martin, Class of 2025

School of Health Professions

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 ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES

Adanma Ngadi, Class of 2025

College of Nursing

Matthew J. Zaharenios, Class of 2025

School of Health Professions

Aliye Talal Mosaad, Class of 2025

School of Public Health

COLLEGE OF NURSING

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Dr. Lori A. Escallier

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dr. Wayne J. Riley

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

Dr. Wayne J. Riley

Dr. Lori A. Escallier

HOODING OF CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE DEGREE

Nataliya Shaforost, DNP, FNP-C, CDCES

Assistant Professor and Director, DNP Program

SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Dr. Allen N. Lewis, Jr.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dr. Wayne J. Riley

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

Dr. Wayne J. Riley

Dr. Allen N. Lewis, Jr.

HOODING OF CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY DEGREE

Joanne Katz, Ph.D., DPT, PT

Associate Professor and Chair of Physical Therapy

The Commencement Program

Tuesday, May 20th 11:00 a.m. (Cont.)

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Kitaw Demissie, M.D., Ph.D.

Professor and Dean, School of Public Health

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dr. Wayne J. Riley

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

Dr. Wayne J. Riley

Dr. Kitaw Demissie

HOODING OF CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEGREE

Tracey E. Wilson, Ph.D.

*Vice Dean for Faculty Affairs & Research and Distinguished
Service Professor*

CLOSING REMARKS AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Dr. Wayne J. Riley

RECESSIONAL

(Audience: Please rise and remain standing until the graduates
have left the venue)

MUSIC CREDIT:

Marches:

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

Giuseppe Verdi

Performed by the Budapest Scoring Symphonic Orchestra

Conducted by Peter Pejtsik

The Commencement Program

Tuesday, May 20th 3:00 p.m.

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PRESIDING MARSHAL

Jeffrey S. Putman, Ed.D.

Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Salvatore Giovanni Volpe, Class of 2025

College of Medicine

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 DEAN

F. Charles Brunnicardi, M.D., FACS

Dean and Professor, College of Medicine

GREETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES

Joya Ahsan Ahmad, Class of 2025

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

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Doctor of Science

Clive O. Callender, M.D., F.A.C.S.

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

David Christini, Ph.D.

Senior Vice President for Research and

Dean, School of Graduate Studies

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dr. Wayne J. Riley

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

Dr. Wayne J. Riley

Dr. David Christini

HOODING OF CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE

Thesis Research Sponsors &

Juan Marcos Alarcón, PhD

Associate Professor of Pathology

The Commencement Program

Tuesday, May 20th 3:00 p.m. (Cont.)

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Dr. F. Charles Brunicardi

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dr. Wayne J. Riley

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

Dr. Wayne J. Riley

Dr. F. Charles Brunicardi

HOODING OF CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTOR OF MEDICINE DEGREE

Isabel McFarlane, M.D., FACP

*Clinical Assistant Professor and
Director, Third-Year Medicine Clerkship*

William P. Urban, M.D.

*Chair, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation
Medicine, Associate Professor of Orthopaedics, College
of Medicine*

CLOSING REMARKS AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH

Dr. Wayne J. Riley

RECESSIONAL

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COLLEGE OF NURSING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

RN TO BS

Garcia T. Boota
Ashanti K. Louis

ACCELERATED BS

Nahian Ahmed
Toslima Aktar
Aliyah Albert Maute
Aliyah A. Ali
Lior C. Appel-Kraut
Carol Stephanie Benson
Mardochee E. Blanc
Gabrielle Bontempo
Emily M. Bridglall
Madison L. Bruns
Jennifer L. Castelan
Andrea S. Chacon
Brian Chan
Kristina S. Choa
Christina Nicole Corye
Orli Dadashev
Eliamir O. Delacruz
Maya Desai
Tara Eichler
Nora Elghamri
Jasmine I. Fernandez Palma
Alessandra GangiDino
Dina L. Ganopolsky
Esther E. Gittens
Khyira Gittens
Jayda Annmaria Matthews-Grant
Eliyahu Greenfield
Mary Huang

Olivia Shea Hurley
Hawa Kromah Soadai James
Strafe A. Johnson
Joanna E. Jones
Chaya Sarah C. Kagan
Karanjit Kaur
Olivia Kearney
Asad Khan
Sidney V. Killion
Susan Kim
Peter Ko
Maya Carolyn Kovic
Aymen Kuc
Celine Sun Kwon
Jennifer E. Lifshitz
Jieun Limb
Diana Guadalupe Lopez
Kayla N. Mangiero
Luana V. Martinez
Megha Mathew
Kenny Javier Medina
Ibrahim Music
Adanma Ngadi
Diane Nguyen
Ashley Marie Nunez
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Gianna Palazzo
Natalia O. Paredes
Kharnel N. Park
Yailin Paulino Perez
James C. Paulson
Safra Amalia Pernier
Joshua J. Pinnock

Jesse L. Reed
Jeremiah David Reilly
Merl-Carme Remonvil
Magali Rosas Garcia
Ankit Saxena
Shafaul Sharup
Aliza Shloush
Ge Fei Situ
Alexa J. Skapinski
Presepany A. Skeete
Prishany M. Skinner
Jamie Skolnick
Trinity I. Small
Tiffany Soe
Jessica Eliana Soler
Seolmin Son
Cindy Sookram
Asia Tandon
Aniqa Ali Tasnim
Katherine Tse
Tanvir Tushar
Nancy Wang
Caitlin E. Wolf
Joy K. Won
Alice Wong
Sammi Wong
Diana T. Wu
Jasmine R. Yu
Jia Ming Amy Zhao
Stephanie Zhong

MASTER OF SCIENCE

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

Priscilla Rose Pouchie
Guerdy Scott Key

WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER

Damilola Modupe Akinde
Nicole Alabre
Zalika A. Barnes
Ashanti I. Bartlett
Nicole Bellmon
Dana Rose Beneventano
Ellen S. Boland
Daniella Burke
Nicole Capone
Vanessa Darko
Alexa Di Maggio

Alexis Nicole Donovan
Fabiola Dorestant
Diandra Duncan
Rowan E. Engelhardt
Thaina Anne Exil
Julia L. Friedman
Suha M. Gheith
Gianna P. Giannetto
Pooja R. Gupta
Sheila Hyppolite-Francis
Tiffany D. Jotis
Kalliopi Kapetanios
Leandra L. Laundry
Narda Jodee Martin
Michelle C. Martinez
Jillian Mclees
Julissa Mota
Michelle L. Murgas-Gonzalez

Nataasjia S. Patterson
Elona Pocesta
Shkurtime Prapaniku
Jordana Reyes
Jessica M. Rivas Perez
Francheska Rosario
Minyong Simpson
Natalia Solonovich
Aryn Kacia Swan-Ambrose
Nicole Toscano
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NURSE EDUCATION

Erin Alton
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ADVANCED CERTIFICATE

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

Emily K. Ryan

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Ama S. Afful
Alicia Paula Alexis-John
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Shanice M. Anderson-Green
Gelihsa Diana Arjoon
Natalie I. Benyaminov
Stacy Patricia Best
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Arthur A. Dvorkin
Nkemdirim Emmanuel
Adaku Ann Ezeigbo

Carlesha Antonett Ferguson
Eileen Ferreira
Ermer Y. Garcia
Chana M. Goldschein
Christine Gong
Adele Habbaz
Justin Anthony Hinds
Lawnda Shantell Jackson
Amina Kaliyeva
LaPrincella A. Townsend
Rachel Brooke Levine
Sara Elizabeth Lucisano

Rakefet R. Marciano
Juliet Martey
Nadia Mumper
Latifat Oluwakemi Oladele
Kateryna Semenova
Dajah V. Smith
Ardita Sopi
Johnine Melinda Sumpter
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SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL IMAGING

Saba Aslam
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Kaylyne Nicole Rodriguez

Amina Nicole Shahbaz Lorenzo
Karen Sun
Vanna Truong
Ruixian Wu
Jessica Xu

MASTER OF SCIENCE

HEALTH INFORMATICS

Przemyslaw Aleksander Adamek
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Adrian Andres Guin Rizzo
Stacy Hyman
Erika Lazare
Hanna M. Mampallil
Jessica Z. Mathew
Phebe A. Ocran
Chioma N. Okeke
Brian S. St. Arre
Melanie Tsz Ching Tang
Elmer Valeroso Torralba
Juhi Pulkit Vora
Nimesha D. Wickramaratne
Xiangliu Yang
Xiaoyu Yu

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SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS / SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Alexandrine Lebrun	Maged Saleh	
Aminata Minte	Annet C. Sokol	

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCES AND DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Omar M. Abuharthieh	Olivia Rae Friedman	Jessica A. Samuel
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SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN GLOBAL HEALTH

Oliwia Opacka

MASTER OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

Adebayo Adeola Adewale	Isaac Lati	Nuzhat Zaman
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Kara-Ann Bynoe-Griffith	Aminat Shehu	
Elka Esther Jacobson	Stephanie Gregoire Simeon	

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Jonathan Acosta Morales	Elira Avdiu	Tanesha L. Brewster
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Maisa Alam	Asma Bano	Savannah R. Bryce
Onita Alija	Anne-Sophie Issa Baroutjian	Bernita Justina Buie
Nilufar Aliyeva	Sapana Bastola	Emanie A. Campbell
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Kayana Bernice Ashley	Bradley Luke Boodoosingh	Heber J. Chamorro
Tolulope Atolagbe	Brandi J Boynton	Jesse Chunhwa Chan

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 Shannon Xinting Chen
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 Theodore M. Chin
 Seema Chittalae
 Abdoulaye Jules Dabo
 Hoa T. Dao
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 Md Fahim
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 Brittany Lauren Gardner
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 Kelly Gorman
 Tynisha Gott-Watts
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 Awura A. Gyimah
 Jesigine M. Handler
 Jessica Hill
 Kayce June Hobson
 Karlynn Jayne Holland
 Mahfuz Hossain
 Mehrab Hossain
 Munirat O. Ibrahim
 Zeyad Tarek Aly Ismail Hassan
 Orglyne Jean-Jacques
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 Fazlegaffar Khan
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 Lima L. Mallick
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 Davin McFarlane
 Latasha C. Mcneil
 Gemma M. Medard
 Haran Shem Mercury
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 Amirhossein Moaddab
 Natalia Carolina Monsalve
 Liakat Morshed
 Chizoba Jennifer Ndulue
 Vivian Le-Xuan Nguyen
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 Emmanuel O. Ologundudu
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 Rohan U. Patel
 Grace T. Paul
 Tathiana Piquion
 Jessica Maribel Pizarro
 Taylor M. Prince

Zahin E. Quayyum
 Nikita Rednam
 Stacia E. Rice
 Taylor D. Rodgers
 Imani Joy Rolling
 Jacob Aryappallil Sabu
 Zakiya T. Scott
 Joshua Seelall
 Ahmad Seir
 Lexis M. Sherron
 Hannah O. Stevenson
 Mariah Weintraub Sweigart
 Sephora Winans Thom
 Robert Tiwari
 Vivian G. To
 Ndey Astou Touray
 Victoria Nichole Van Drost
 Gabriel Vizgan
 Venise Y. Warren
 Caprice Amber Wilks
 Destiny Marina Williams
 Laurie Debra Williams
 Sabrina Shin Lin Wong
 Daniel Jason Yakubov
 Comfort Abosede Zion

DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Heather Ann Badger

Transformative Life Experiences and Post Traumatic Growth (PTG) amongst World Trade Center Health Registry (WTCHR) participants: A Phenomenological Qualitative Study

Chanee Alana Massiah Chaniz-Rico

The Depth of Loneliness: Adverse Effects of Loneliness and Psychosocial Barriers on Retention in HIV Care

Eric Wayne Chen

Lead Exposure and Reduction Impact Calculator (LERIC): An Economic Assessment of Lead Impact as Applied to the United States

Frederique Wendy Jean-Baptiste

Urban-Rural differences in HIV risk behaviors, and factors associated with HIV testing among Adolescent Girls and Young Women in Haiti

Maryglad Komo

Association of dietary sodium intake and cardiovascular disease risk among U.S. middle-aged women: A SWAN study using a matched nested case-control design

Aliye Talal Mosaad

Thermoregulatory Stress and the Ageing Mind: Investigating Environmental High Heat Exposure as a Risk Factor for Dementia

Merium Raza Naqvi

Factors Influencing the Well-Being of Perinatal Individuals Who are Marginalized: A Qualitative Study

Sundas Pervez

Work Exposures and Musculoskeletal Symptoms among Latinx Domestic Cleaners

Bianca Dionysia Rivera

An Exploration of Determinants of Stroke Prevention in New York City

Olivia Louise Wallace-Selman

Willingness to Use Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Among Black/African-American Adolescent Girls and Young Adult Women

Scott Michael Webber

The Effect of Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) on Cardiovascular Disease Risk: A Comprehensive Systematic Review

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SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Jordi Chanovas Colomé

Neural & Behavioral Science

Antibiotic-mediated gut microbiota depletion affects behavioral and neuronal correlates of spatial cognition

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Pathology, SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University

Erica Yun Griffith

Neural & Behavioral Science

Investigating cortical oscillations in a data-driven multiscale model of macaque auditory thalamocortical circuits

Residency in Psychiatry Research Track, New York University

Quiana Jones

Molecular & Cellular Biology

Effect of phospholipid transfer protein and apolipoprotein M in sphingosine-1-phosphate and chylomicron metabolism.

Post Doctoral Fellow, Department of Pediatrics, Weill Cornell Medicine

Siobhan Catarina Lawless

Neural & Behavioral Science

Minocycline plus N-acetylcysteine improve chronic and progressive structural and functional deficits following a single TBI in male mice

Aditi Naik-Talapadatur

Neural & Behavioral Science

Effect of enzymatic hyaluronan depletion on the structure and function of the brain's extracellular space

Research Scientist, Institute for Basic Research, Staten Island

Veronica Sebastian Avila

Neural & Behavioral Science

Sex differences in memory modulation by mTORC1 activation

Staff Researcher, Departments of Neurology and Human Genetics, University of California Los Angeles

Stanley Soroka

Molecular & Cellular Biology

Evaluation of Drug-loaded Microparticles and Paclitaxel-based Monotherapy in Human Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma in vitro Models
Residency in Anesthesiology, SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University

Michael Tekin

Neural & Behavioral Science

Sex differences in $\alpha 4\beta\delta$ GABAA receptor-regulated synaptic pruning in the primary motor cortex during adolescence and its role in motor learning flexibility

Post-Doctoral Fellow in Physiology & Pharmacology, SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University

Victoria Sook Keng Tung

Molecular & Cellular Biology

Cultured Mesenchymal Cells (CNON) as a Cellular Model to Study the Neurodevelopmental Component of Schizophrenia Etiology

MASTER'S DEGREE IN PHYSIOLOGY

Jason Ayala

Zainab Adedolapo Badru

Gisselle Andrea Benavides

Emmanuel Cadet

Alessandra Cervera

Michael B. Fajardo Bejarano

Mahum Fatima

Rosivel Galvez

Sabrina Marie Joseph

Eden Mazzara

Jyoti Pun Mehta

Mahnoor Ashraf Memon

Matthew Neil

Thais Alves Oliveira

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE

Mohamud Mohamed Abdi	+ Md Fahim	Adithi Krishnamoorthy
Dua Abedeen	Sabrina Falah	Eva Marie Kristoferson
Catreen Abouelsaad	Promie Ruhini Faruque	Emmanuella Louise Laguerre
Muhammad Afaq	* Julia Catherine Felsenstein	Derrick Lau
Ibrahim Ahmad	~* Lara Finnerty-Haggerty	Edward D. Lee
~* Joya Ahsan Ahmad	Vanathi Ganesan	+ Sarah Yelin Lee
Sanya Anum Ahmed	+ Marc Ganz	~ Sharon Lan Lee
~ Tahina Ahmed	Ashley H. Garcia	Andy Li
~+ Carolyn McKenzie Andrews	Luis David Garcia Dominguez	Jiamin Li
Peter Clifford Arden	+ Brittany Lauren Gardner	+ Anna Lieberman
Jesse K. Asiedu	Samuel Gedailovich	* Alex W. Liu
** Rachel Babette Baum	+ Scott Morrison Goldberg	Jesus Ricardo Lopez
Simon Arthur Bellido	Alejo Javier Gomez	Sifan Lu
~* Ariel Ben Ezra	Amauri Gomez	Gabriel Max Samuel Luce
Brian Adam Berko	* Juanita Gomez	Christopher Tyler Madden
Ethan R. Cai	* Susan Gong	Nabil Abdel Mahmoud
~ Hayley Carabello	+ Luis A. Gonzalez Miranda	Victoria Kilburn Marshall
* Christian M. Caravaglia	+ Kelly Gorman	+ Davin McFarlane
* Carena Michelle Carrington	Dovounnae Shanique Green	Mina Mekhail
+ Jesse Chunhwa Chan	* Samuel Jay Eliot Green	~ Megan Nicole Menard
Luanna Lu Chan	* Isaiah Illingworth Greene	Deniece Anne Mempin Meñez
* Rahul Chaudhry	* Erica Yun Griffith	+ Maryyam W. Mian
Sahil Chaudhry	* Carla Hachicho	* Arie Monas
Felicia H. Chen	* Mohamed Jouda Hamzane	Alejandra Katherine Moncayo
Ker-Cheng Chen	Jessie Han	Calapaqui
+ Shannon Xinting Chen	+ Zeyad Tarek Aly Ismail Hassan	+ Natalia Carolina Monsalve
* Noshin Choudhury	Mohamed Mahrous Heiba	Shannon Kathryn Moran
* Ahammad Chowdhury	~ Rex Jacob Herzberg	Mileca M. Morris
~ Ruby Wing Ting Chung	Gavriel Hizami	Manahil Muneeb
Joseph Anthony Cilento III	Su Zar Wai Hnin	~* Lauren Grace Namkoong
Natalie L. Cipriano	Brian Huang	+ Vivian Le-Xuan Nguyen
~ Elana Sarah Cohen	Nimisha Jain	* Amber Okoye
* Timothy Minshik Cooke	Shreya Jain	~ Amanda Onoichenco
Isabella Sophia Corredor	~* Zenab Jamil	Alia Padilla
~ Jimmy Clayton Asprec Council	Alvin John	* Radha Parag Pandya
~ Blerim Cukovic	Christopher Solomon Johnson	Rachel Patrick
* Isabella Nicole Dana	Sonya Kalani	Sanjeda Sultana Patwari
~* Yesha Sudhir Desai	Isabelle Hazelwood Kaplan	Claire Frances Peabody
Naomi Gourjia Dilamani	~ April Jelena Kessler	Andrew Persaud
* Faisal Elali	Tahmid Khandaker	Ganesh Phayal
Ali Mohamed Elsayed	* Joshua Kotlyar	Jorge Isaac Pincay
Razan Taj Eltilib	Sally Sara Kraiem	Harriet Grace Prior

Tasmia Jannath Promi
 Melissa Ramirez
 Tahir Ramzan
 Saad Rehman
 Paulo Alexandre Reis
 + Jacob Aryappallil Sabu
 Rena Schreier
 * Grace Helen Shadid
 ~ Sonna Dinesh Shah
 Julian D. Sherman
 Tegegne Mihret Shiferaw
 Hye Won Shin
 Saim B. Siddiqui
 Jolene Marie Singh
 Karanbir Singh
 Lihao Song
 Stanley Soroka
 Tyler Sebastian Spohr
 Avraham Shmuel Stern

Stella Colleen Tang
 ~ Ahmad Hasan Thneibat
 Joel P. Thomas
 Rachelle Thompson
 Spencer Aric Thompson
 + Vivian G. To
 ~ Samanta Torres Bertorelli
 ~* Olivia Christina Tracey
 Nayeem Uddin
 Sarah M. Ustoyev
 Michael Scott Vaglica
 Alice Mary Varghese
 ~ Rebecca Varghese
 Anthony John Velleca
 Shalaha Viba
 + Gabriel Vizgan
 ~ Salvatore Giovanni Volpe
 Tiffany Yuen Ying Voon
 Aaron Matthew Walt

~* Jennifer Yunling Wang
 * Derek Chen-Wen Wei
 Joseph Weiss
 * Lauren Kathleen Wilch
 Bethany Athena Katherine
 Williams
 ~ Taylor Lum Wong
 ~* Mojdeh Yadollahikhales
 Joshua Ben Yaminian
 * Claire Tian Yin
 Paul Serguei Zakrepine
 Ping Ping Zeng
 * Menachem M. Zlatopolsky

Denotes:

* *Alpha Omega Alpha Medical
 Honor Society*

~ *Gold Humanism Honor Society*

SUNY DOWNSTATE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

RESIDENCY PLACEMENT LIST - CLASS OF 2025

Mohamud Abdi

Specialty: General Surgery

Institution: Bassett Med Ctr-NY

Dua Abedeen

Specialty: Internal Medicine

Institution: Stony Brook Teach Hosps-NY

Catreen Abouelsaad

Specialty: Anesthesiology

Institution: SUNY Downstate

Muhammad Afaq

Specialty: Anesthesiology

Institution: SUNY Downstate

Ibrahim Ahmad

Specialty: Psychiatry

Institution: SUNY Downstate

Joya Ahmad

Specialty: Obstetrics-Gynecology

Institution: NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Sanya Ahmed

Specialty: General Surgery

Institution: SUNY Downstate

Tahina Ahmed

Specialty: Internal Medicine

Institution: Zucker SOM-Northwell NS/LIJ-NY

Carolyn Andrews

Specialty: Emergency Medicine

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Institution: NYMC-St Josephs Med Ctr

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Specialty: Medicine-Preliminary

Institution: UC Irvine Med Ctr-CA

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Honorary Degree Recipient

Clive O. Callender, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Doctor of Science, honoris causa

Surgeon • Scholar • Educator • Humanitarian

Clive O. Callender, M.D., F.A.C.S.—you have reshaped the landscape of American transplant medicine and transformed our national conversation about access, equity, and the power of community and patient education in organ donation.

After earning your medical degree from Meharry Medical College and completing your surgical training at Freedmen’s Hospital of Howard University, you pursued advanced fellowships in kidney and liver transplantation at two of the nation’s premier programs—the University of Minnesota and the University of Pittsburgh—where you trained under the legendary Dr. Thomas E. Starzl.

In 1974, you founded the nation’s first minority-directed transplant center at Howard University Hospital. Seventeen years later, you launched the National Minority Organ/Tissue Transplant Education Program—MOTTEP—a groundbreaking initiative that reframed organ donation as a public health imperative grounded in justice, trust, and cultural understanding.

What began as a modest campaign grew into a national, federally funded movement that increased donation rates among Black Americans and deepened organ donation awareness across all communities of color.

You pioneered an innovative model that linked organ donation to disease prevention, empowering communities that have long been marginalized within our healthcare system.

Your leadership helped illuminate the social and structural forces that shape health outcomes.

At Howard University’s College of Medicine, where you chaired the Department of Surgery and became the inaugural holder of the LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr. Professorship in Surgery, where you mentored and molded generations of physicians and surgeons.

You have honored your New York roots and the legacy of your late mentor, Dr. Samuel Kountz—himself a groundbreaking transplant surgeon and our former Chair of Surgery at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University—by carrying forward his vision of equity in transplantation. Like him, you have demonstrated how scientific brilliance and moral conviction can—and must—coexist.

You have been a builder of programs, of pathways, and of public trust. And through that work, you have saved lives, strengthened communities, and elevated a profession.

For your visionary leadership, your tireless service to humanity, and your transformative impact on the field of medicine, The State University of New York is proud to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa.

Messages to the Alumni

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

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To the Class of 2025,

It is a great point of privilege for me to congratulate you, the Class of 2025, on this momentous achievement.

As we continue to emerge from the pandemic, rest assured the College of Medicine spirit of perseverance and progress were evident throughout the 2022-2023 academic year, and we continue to find hope as you graduate today and move into this next season of your careers.

Today is not the end of your relationship with the College of Medicine—it's only the beginning. You may not realize it, but on the day, you accepted your offer of admission from College of Medicine at SUNY Downstate, you joined a lifelong community. In fact, you joined more than a community—you joined a family. And just 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 College of Medicine alumni out there in the world. Every time you see someone wearing a College of Medicine 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 College of Medicine, I challenge you, each in your own way, to allow your academic experiences at College of Medicine to serve as the foundation upon which you build productive careers. Allow your social interactions with faculty, staff, administrators, and your fellow students to guide you as you interact with individuals in the workplace and in society and allow the College's commitment to you to be a model for your commitment back to yourself, your family, your community, and your alma mater.

It is my desire for you to live richly, satisfying personal lives filled with love and laughter, to find ways to make your community a better place for yourselves and your neighbors, to grow, and to continue learning for the rest of your lives. Remember that you are conquerors, and you have the courage and the strength to overcome every obstacle set before you.

Graduates, each of you has successfully completed multiple years of rigorous training and skill development to earn your degree. You have proven your readiness for success. Now you have a different job to do, for the greatest things have not been done. I have been consistently impressed and invigorated with stories shared about the research and work you've conducted over your academic journey. With its rigor and required work ethic, you will be able to face nearly anything in life. 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 not as a limit, but as an invitation. 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 is an achievement you can be proud of for the rest of your life.

With all good wishes,

Anne Marie Beddoe, M.D., MPH '78

President

Alumni Association of the College of Medicine

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SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Dear SOHP 2025 Graduate,

Congratulations Class of 2025! 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.

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 2025 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

Dean, College of Nursing

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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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Dear New Alumni of the School of Graduate Studies,

Congratulations on reaching this incredible milestone in your career!

First, if we can help with anything, please do not hesitate to reach out to us – we will do everything we can to help you navigate your careers.

Second, we would love to engage you in the future, e.g., as a seminar speaker and/or career role model.

Thank you for your contributions to SGS and don't forget to reach back and lend a hand, or your experience, where you can. Let's stay in touch!

Best wishes in your every endeavor,

David Christini, Ph.D.

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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 at Downstate.

The year 2025 marks the 166th 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 at 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 healthcare.

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 157 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.

Land Acknowledgment

We recognize that the venue in which we are celebrating sits on the traditional homelands of the people of the Lenape. The land is both seized and occupied territory of the Lenape People. We honor the Indigenous caretakers of these lands and waters, the elders who lived here before, the Indigenous today, and the generations

to come. We recognize, support, and advocate for Indigenous individuals and communities. By offering this Land Acknowledgement, we support Indigenous autonomy and will work to hold ourselves more accountable to the needs of Indigenous peoples.

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 College of Nursing, the School of Health Professions,
and the School of Public Health,

I solemnly pledge my commitment to the faithful practice of my profession and to delivering high-quality care,
pursuing scientific inquiry, and taking collective action to protect and advance the health of all people—with
honesty, integrity, and dedication.

I proudly stand with my colleagues in the College of Nursing, the School of Health Professions, and the School
of Public Health, honoring our shared role in advancing health and well-being.

I recognize and value human diversity, will provide individualized services to all who seek my care,
and respect the rights, values, beliefs, and cultures of the individuals and communities I serve.

I will work to ensure all people have the opportunity to live full, productive lives—free from preventable
disease, injury, and disability—and uphold the highest ethics, standards, and responsibilities of public health.

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

I will hold in confidence all information shared during my professional service.

I will base my decisions and actions on evidence and turn that evidence into policies and
programs that improve health for all.

I will take responsibility for my actions and uphold professional standards.

I will seek to expand my knowledge and skills through lifelong learning.

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

I will use my experience to improve communities, seek new knowledge, and remain open to ideas that better
protect and promote the health of individuals and populations.

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

My goals are rooted in a commitment to expand medical knowledge and improve public health and
healthcare for all in need of my profession's skills.

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.



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