



**The University of Vermont  
Larner College of Medicine**  
**Ceremony for the  
Class of 2023**

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**SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023**

**3:00 P.M.**

**IRA ALLEN CHAPEL**

# Order of Exercises

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## PRESIDING

Richard L. Page, M.D., *Dean, Larner College of Medicine*  
Mary Cushman, M.D.'89, M.Sc., *Faculty Marshal*  
Cyrus Neal Thomas-Walker, *Class Marshal*

## PROCESSIONAL

*Vermont Passacaglia*  
Music written by Adam Ackerman, M.D.'14 (recording)  
*These Green Mountains*  
Michael Jacob Koliba Lawler, Naomi Eliana Moon Koliba Lawler

## WELCOME

Richard L. Page, M.D., *Dean*  
Stephen M. Leffler, M.D.'90, *Chief Medical Officer, President and  
Chief Operating Officer, The University of Vermont Medical Center*

## ADDRESS

Gaurab Basu, M.D.'10, M.P.H., *Faculty Member at Harvard Medical School,  
Health Equity Fellow, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health,  
Center for Climate, Health, and the Global Environment*

## RECOGNITION OF THE CLASS OF 2023

Christa H. Zehle, M.D.'99, *Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education*

## STUDENT ADDRESS

Daniel Mark Castro

## AWARDING OF DEGREES

Richard L. Page, M.D., *Dean*  
Christa H. Zehle, M.D.'99, *Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education*  
Karen George, M.D., M.P.H., *Associate Dean for Students*  
Kathryn Huggett, Ph.D., *Assistant Dean for Medical Education*

## ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH

Richard L. Page, M.D., *Dean*

## RECESSIONAL

*Trumpet Tune in D* by John Stanley  
Amy Shortt, M.Mus., *University Organist*

# Academic Regalia

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## THE BATONS

The Pomeroy Baton is typically carried by the Faculty Marshal as a symbol of the authority and leadership of the Larner College of Medicine. It is named in honor of Dr. John Pomeroy, who in 1804 was appointed as the first medical faculty member of the University of Vermont. The baton was commissioned in 1982 by Dean of Students David Tormey, M.D., who sent medical student Mark Iverson to choose a white oak beam from the Pomeroy House on Battery Street, which was undergoing renovation. Iverson turned the piece to Dean Tormey's instructions, and in 1983 was the first to carry it in his Commencement Ceremony.

The Staff of Aesculapius, a serpent-entwined rod associated with healing and the practice of medicine, is typically carried by the Class President, who acts as the Class Marshal and leads the graduating class into the ceremony. This staff was a gift to the College from alumnus Robert Sharkey, M.D.'50, in honor of his 50th Reunion in 2000.

## ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The distinctive attire of those participating in the academic procession represents a tradition that reaches at least as far back as the Middle Ages, when gowns became the required dress at many European universities. The University of Vermont was among the first in this country to experiment with the use of academic gowns, requiring them at the 1806 graduation. Near the end of the century, universities began wholeheartedly to use the medieval scholars' clothing for ceremonial occasions.

- ✧ The doctoral gown has large bell-shaped sleeves with three velvet crossbars on the upper portion of the arm and velvet trimming down the front of the gown. The trim color usually indicates the field of study of the recipient (e.g., the M.D. degree is indicated by green trim and the Ph.D. is usually blue). The color of the gown is usually black, but can vary depending on the alma mater.
- ✧ The doctoral cap for Larner College of Medicine graduating students is a four-sided, black velvet tam with a gold tassel. Only doctoral caps may be made of velvet and only doctors or presidents of institutions may wear a gold tassel on the cap.
- ✧ The colorful hood indicates the institution, degree, and specialty. For doctoral degrees from the University of Vermont, the hood is four feet in length lined in green with a gold chevron, the official school colors. The hood trim is green for M.D. graduates and dark blue for Ph.D. graduates.
- ✧ Honor cords worn by students and faculty indicate honor societies and other achievements.
  - Green and gold cords are worn by members of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, selected by faculty for their promise of becoming leaders in the profession.
  - Gold cords are worn by members of the Gold Humanism Honor Society, elected by their classmates and faculty in recognition of their demonstrated excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion, and dedication to service.
  - Gold and white cords are worn by students who have earned the AHEC (Area Health Education Center) Scholar distinction.
  - Blue cords are worn by members of The Teaching Academy at the Larner College of Medicine who have shown engagement in teaching, a commitment to quality improvement, and sharing of expertise.
  - Platinum cords are worn by emeriti faculty who have achieved a career of professional accomplishment and have provided distinguished service to the University, the community, and their professional discipline.

## THE UNIVERSITY SEAL

The University seal, first adopted in 1807, depicts the sun rising over the Green Mountains with the first university building in the upper foreground, and a diagram of the Pythagorean Theorem, a quadrant, and a globe in the lower foreground. The outer ring of the oval reads *Universitas V. Montis*. A.D. 1791, the Latin name of the University related to the French name of the State of Vermont meaning "Green Mountain," and the source of the University's nickname, UVM. The seal also includes the motto *Studiis et Rebus Honestis*, or "For studies and other honest pursuits," and commemorates the establishment of the State Agricultural College: *Collegiumque Agriculturae 1865*.

# Music

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## PRELUDE

*Ceremonial Music for an Occasion*

by Bach, Handel, Purcell, Mouret, Callahan and Walton

## PROCESSIONAL

*Vermont Passacaglia*

by Adam Ackerman, M.D.'14 (*Recording*)

## RECESSIONAL

*Trumpet Tune in D*

by John Stanley

## ORGAN MUSIC

Amy Shortt, M.Mus., *University Organist*

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## THESE GREEN MOUNTAINS

Composed by Diane Martin

Arranged by Rita Buglass Gluck

These green hills and silver waters  
Are my home — they belong to me  
And to all her sons and daughters  
May they be strong and forever free  
Let us live to protect her beauty  
And look with pride on the golden dome  
They say home is where the heart is  
These green mountains are my home  
These green mountains are my home.

# 2022–2023 Emeriti Faculty

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**John R. Brumsted, M.D.**

Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology  
& Reproductive Sciences Emeritus

1987–2023

36 years

**Polly E. Parsons, M.D.**

E. L. Amidon Chair and  
Professor of Medicine Emerita

2000–2022

22 years

**Ronald J. Bryant, M.D.**

Associate Professor of Pathology  
& Laboratory Medicine Emeritus

2002–2022

20 years

**Joel J. Schnure, M.D.**

Professor of Medicine Emeritus

2001–2022

21 years

**Catherine M. Christenson, M.D.**

Associate Professor of  
Anesthesiology Emerita

1997–2022

25 years

**Richard L. Solomon, M.D.**

Robert F. & Genevieve B. Patrick  
Endowed Chair in Nephrology  
and Medicine Emeritus

2002–2022

20 years

**Wendy S. Davis, M.D.**

Professor of Pediatrics Emerita

1987–2022

35 years

**Judy K. Tam, M.D.**

Associate Professor of  
Radiology Emerita

1995–2022

27 years

**Cynthia J. Forehand, Ph.D.**

Professor of Neurological  
Sciences Emerita

1987–2023

36 years

**Edward F. Terrien, M.D.**

Associate Professor of  
Medicine Emeritus

1995–2022

27 years

**Niels G. Giddins, M.D.**

Associate Professor of  
Pediatrics Emeritus

2007–2022

15 years

**George Till, M.D.**

Associate Professor of Obstetrics,  
Gynecology & Reproductive  
Sciences Emeritus

1991–2023

32 years

**Glenn D. Goldman, M.D.**

Rogers & Nancy Follansbee  
Professor in Dermatology and  
Medicine Emeritus

1996–2022

26 years

**Donald L. Weaver, M.D.**

Professor of Pathology & Laboratory  
Medicine Emeritus

1990–2022

32 years

# Awards from the Class of 2023

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Above and Beyond Award  
**Nicholas D'Alberto, Ph.D.**

AMWA Gender Equity Award  
**A. Evan Eyer, M.D., M.P.H.**

Best Support Staff  
**Julie Chiappinelli**

Clinical Department of the Year Award  
**Internal Medicine, UVM Medical Center**

Clinical Resident of the Year Award  
**Ali Jandal, M.D.**

Clinical Teacher of the Year Award  
**Katherine Dolbec, M.D.**  
**William Hopkins, M.D.**

Colette Award  
**Emma K. Faustner**

Curriculum Innovation Award  
**Patricia King, M.D.**

Dean Warshaw Integration Award  
**William Raszka, M.D.**

Foundations Course Director Award  
**Andrew Hale, M.D.**

Foundations Teaching Award  
**Ronald Bryant, M.D.**

Harry E. Howe & Theo O. Howe Outstanding Teacher of Surgery Prize  
**Fuyuki Hirashima, M.D.**

Outstanding Foundations Teaching Assistant  
**Sean Meagher, M.D.'21**

Silver Stethoscope Award  
**Nicholas D'Alberto, Ph.D.**

Standardized Patient Award  
**Nicole D'Elisa**

# Doctor of Medicine

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Psychiatry, New York-Presbyterian/

Columbia University Irving Medical Center, New York, N.Y.

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Family Medicine, In His Image Family Medicine, Tulsa, Okla.

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*B.A., New York University, 2016*

Pediatrics, University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, Vt.

**Dinkar Ahuja**, East Lyme, Conn.

*B.S., University of Connecticut, 2018*

Internal Medicine, Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, Ill.

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*B.A., University of California, Berkeley, 2017*

Internal Medicine, Kaiser Permanente, Los Angeles, Calif.

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Internal Medicine, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Aurora, Colo.

**Elizabeth Marie Zagroba Barker**, Burlington, Vt.

*B.S., Elon University, 2017*

Family Medicine, Northwestern University, McGaw Medical Center/

Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

**Micaila Baroffio**, Northfield, Vt.

*B.S., University of Vermont, 2017*

Emergency Medicine, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Medical Education,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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*B.A., University of Tennessee, 2018*

Neurological Surgery, University of California, Irvine Medical Center, Orange, Calif.

**Emily L. Bennett**, Middlesex, N.J.

*B.S., Lafayette College, 2016*

Psychiatry, University of Rochester/Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, N.Y.

**Jacob William Bernknopf**, Tucson, Ariz.

*B.S., University of Arizona, 2018*

Internal Medicine, University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, Md.

**Ashta Narain Birgy**, Holtsville, N.Y.

*B.S., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2019*

Psychiatry, University of Michigan Hospitals, Ann Arbor, Mich.

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*M.S., Boston University, 2018; B.S., State University of New York at Buffalo, 2015*

Anesthesiology, Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio

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**Brittany Ann Botticelli**, Commack, N.Y.

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Emergency Medicine, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Mass.

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Neurology, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, Mass.

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Emergency Medicine, Morristown Medical Center, Morristown, N.J.

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Internal Medicine, University of Utah Health, Salt Lake City, Utah

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Family Medicine, Bryn Mawr Hospital, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

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Emergency Medicine, Louisiana State University School of Medicine,  
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Emergency Medicine, University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, Vt.

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Preliminary Medicine, New York University Grossman School of Medicine, New York, N.Y.;  
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Transitional Year, Newton-Wellesley Hospital, Newton, Mass.;  
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Internal Medicine, New York-Presbyterian/  
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Preliminary Medicine, University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, Vt.;

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Virginia Commonwealth University Health, Richmond, Va.

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*B.S., University of Vermont, 2015*

Preliminary Surgery, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Mass.;

Diagnostic Radiology, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, Mass.

**Ariella Yazdani**, Milford, Conn.

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Obstetrics & Gynecology, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio

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# Academic Awards & Honors

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## ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA HONOR MEDICAL SOCIETY

Inductees have demonstrated excellence in leadership, research, professionalism, clinical skills, and service to the school and community.

**Victor Manuel Abraham II**  
**Niveditha Badrinarayanan**  
**Brittany Ann Botticelli**  
**Sandi Caus**  
**Sydney Elizabeth Chatfield**  
**Kevin DiBona**  
**Emma Cooper Dunne**  
**Grace E. Eisenbiegler**  
**Negar Esfandiari**  
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**Brad Reilly Fiske**

**Kisha Kalra**  
**Michael Jacob Koliba Lawler**  
**Naomi Eliana Moon Koliba Lawler**  
**Sean Muniz**  
**Maegan Rose Neilson**  
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**Mark Oet**  
**Michela M. Salusti-Simpson**  
**McKenna Lauren Schimmel**  
**Samantha Rowan Schuetz**  
**Cyrus Neal Thomas-Walker**

## ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA HONOR MEDICAL SOCIETY AWARDS

*Faculty Award* **Matthew T. Barbery, M.D., Lee-Anna K. Burgess, M.D., Skyler A. Lentz, M.D., Bridget M. Marroquin, M.D., Anamaria C. Mihu, M.D.**

*Housestaff Award* **Faiz Jaspas Abu-Jaber, M.D., Solomon Feuerwerker, M.D., Yu-Lin Hsieh, M.D., Ali Jandal, M.D., Kramer Wahlberg, M.D.**

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## GOLD HUMANISM HONOR SOCIETY

Inductees are exemplars of compassionate patient care and serve as role models, mentors, and leaders throughout their medical education and careers.

**Victor Manuel Abraham II**  
**Rachel D. Adelsheim**  
**Bradley Alexander Blansky**  
**Anna Bénédicte Chamby**  
**Alex Harris Cohen**  
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**Lud H. Eyasu**  
**Nina Feinberg**  
**Sean Richard Fox**  
**Kisha Kalra**  
**Michael Jacob Koliba Lawler**  
**Stellar Rose Levy**  
**Daniel James Moroney**  
**Sean Muniz**

## GOLD HUMANISM HONOR SOCIETY AWARDS

Presented by the Gold Foundation to recognize graduating students and faculty members who demonstrate both clinical excellence and outstanding compassion in the delivery of care and who show respect for patients, their families, and health care colleagues.

*The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Faculty Award*  
*presented by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation* **Jeremiah E. Dickerson, M.D.**

*The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Student Award*  
*presented by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation* **Sean Muniz**

# Awards to the Class of 2023

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The AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGY MEDICAL STUDENT PRIZE  
for excellence in Neurology  
**Sydney Elizabeth Chatfield**

The AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS MEDICAL STUDENT  
PROFESSIONALISM AND LEADERSHIP AWARD  
**Brittany Ann Botticelli**

The ELLSWORTH AMIDON AWARD for outstanding proficiency in Internal Medicine  
**Alexandra E. Novelli**

The DAVID BABBOT, M.D. "CARING AND SEEING" AWARD  
for commitment to medical education and patient care  
**Anna Bénédicte Chamby**

The DEAN WILLIAM EUSTIS BROWN AWARD  
for broad cultural interests and loyalty to the College of Medicine\*  
**Bradley Alexander Blansky**  
**Lud H. Eyasu**

The CARBEE AWARD for academic excellence in Obstetrics,  
Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences  
**Alexa Winslow Rosenthal**

The CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF VERMONT  
SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP MERIT AWARD  
**Samuel Alter Patchen Short**

The JOSEPH CLEARY, M.D. AWARD to recognize a student who has shown  
a particular commitment to ensuring the success of the educational and clinical experience  
at the UVM Larner College of Medicine Connecticut Nuvance Campus  
**Victor Manuel Abraham II**  
**Jett Elizabeth Choquette**

The DIGNITY IN MEDICINE AWARD in recognition of respect, inclusion, and support  
for LGBTQ students, colleagues, and patients\*  
**Bradley Alexander Blansky**

The WALTER DODD, M.D. AWARD IN RADIOLOGY for excellence in Radiology  
**Zachary Tyler Smith**

The EXEMPLARY CLINICAL EXAM SKILLS AWARD  
**Anna M. Corbalan**  
**Agatha Ruth Forstein**  
**Catrina Marie Goulet**  
**Stellar Rose Levy**  
**Alexandra E. Novelli**

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The FAMILY MEDICINE JOHN P. FOGARTY, M.D. LEADERSHIP AWARD

**Jenna Antoine Elkhoury**

The EDWARD E. FRIEDMAN AWARD for promise of excellence in the practice of Family Medicine

**Jordan Alexander Carver**

The DR. AND MRS. NATHANIEL GOULD, M.D.'37 PRIZE

for outstanding achievements in Orthopaedic Surgery

**Sandi Caus**

The HARRY HOWE, M.D.'52 SENIOR STUDENT AWARD for excellence in Surgery

**Lud H. Eyasu**

The KERZNER FAMILY PRIZE for outstanding service to the community

**Victor Manuel Abraham II**

The LAMB FELLOWSHIP AWARD for best exemplifying concern and care for the total patient\*

**Anna Bénédicte Chamby**

**Sean Muniz**

The JOHN V. MAECK, M.D.'39 AWARD

for overall excellence in Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences

**Kayla Shirin Menendez**

The HERBERT MARTIN SR., M.D. AWARD for excellence in Neurology

**Valerie C. Braddick**

**Agatha Ruth Forstein**

The JOHN E. MAZUZAN JR., M.D.'54 AWARD for excellence in Anesthesiology

**Cara S. Rathmell**

The H. GORDON PAGE, M.D.'45 AWARD for excellence in Surgery

**Caitlin Ann Dowling**

The HENRY & PHYLLIS WASSERMAN PHORPLUS AWARD for excellence in the Basic Sciences

**Delaney Sztraicher**

**Joel S. Feier**

**Sydney Elizabeth Chatfield**

The PILCHER AWARD for representing the qualities of Eleanor and Lewis Pilcher of devotion to family and patients, with a high regard for ethics and honesty

**McKenna Lauren Schimmel**

The MILDRED A. REARDON, M.D.'67 AWARD for service to the UVM Larner College of Medicine

**Cyrus Neal Thomas-Walker**

The B. ALBERT RING, M.D. MEMORIAL GRANT AWARD for best exemplifying compassion, humor, humility, devotion to family and friends, and intellectual curiosity

**Isaac Frazier Adams**

**Sydney Elizabeth Chatfield**

**Kisha Kalra**

**Sean Muniz**

The CHARLES T. SCHECHTMAN, M.D.'26 AWARD

for excellence in the clinical care of patients during the Clerkship Year

*1st Prize* **Sydney Elizabeth Chatfield**

*2nd Prize* **Brad Reilly Fiske**

*3rd Prize* **Grace E. Eisenbiegler**

The COLLEGE OF AMERICAN PATHOLOGISTS DISTINGUISHED  
MEDICAL STUDENT AWARD for a 4th-year medical student committed to  
pursuing pathology residency training who has demonstrated outstanding achievement  
and great aptitude in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

**Cari Ellinghaus Carpenter**

The DURWOOD SMITH AWARD for excellence in Pharmacology

**Joel S. Feier**

The SOCIETY FOR ACADEMIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE AWARD  
for excellence in Emergency Medicine

**Nathan E. Dow**

The SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP MERIT AWARD

**Valerie C. Braddick  
Emma Cooper Dunne  
Joseph Michael Teague**

The RALPH D. SUSSMAN, M.D.'38/MEDICAL ALUMNI AWARD for excellence in Pediatrics

**Emma Cooper Dunne**

The WILLIAM SWEETSER AWARD for excellence in Psychiatry

**Stellar Rose Levy**

The LAURA WEED, M.D. AWARD for scholarship and excellence in Medicine

**Sean Muniz**

The EPHRAIM WOLL AWARD for excellence in General Pathology

**Jennifer Lee Risi**

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### **AHEC SCHOLARS**

AHEC Scholars is a national program that recognizes students who complete 160 hours of eligible Area Health Education Center (AHEC) activities to increase knowledge, strengthen leadership skills, and gain competencies within broad topic areas: interprofessional education/practice, behavioral health integration, connecting communities and supporting health professionals/community health workers, virtual learning and telehealth, social determinants of health, cultural competency, medical practice transformation, and current and emerging health issues.

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<b>Sandi Caus</b>	<b>Amy Blumkin Golinker</b>	<b>Lucy L. Merriam</b>
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# Scholarship Support

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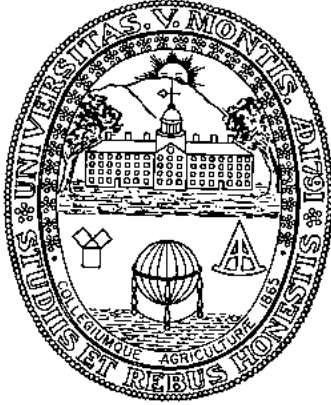
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**I swear to fulfill, to the best of my ability, this covenant:**

**I will respect** the scientific gains of those physicians and scientists in whose steps I will walk, and gladly share such knowledge as is mine with those who are to follow.

**I will remember** that there is both art and science to medicine.

**I will pursue** the expansion of my knowledge throughout my life for the benefit of my patients.

**I will practice** medicine with conscience and dignity.

**I will respect** the privacy of my patients and not judge them.

**I will prevent** disease whenever I can, for prevention is preferable to cure.

Most especially, **I will tread with care** in matters of life and death. If it be merely within my abilities to help ease suffering at the end of a life, may I face this awesome responsibility with humility and awareness of my own frailty.

**I vow** always to act to preserve the finest traditions of my calling, and may I long experience the joy of healing those who seek my help.

*Adapted from the Oath of Lasagna of 1964*

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Our Larner College of Medicine community upholds the highest standards of professionalism as we follow our passion for lifelong learning and improvement. We demonstrate professionalism through integrity, accountability, compassion, altruism, and social responsibility. We honor the trust our society has placed in us as stewards of the art and science of medicine, relying on cultural humility, kindness, and respect to guide our daily interactions. We expect all members of our community to embrace these principles of professionalism as we strive to conduct and support patient care, research, and education that are second to none.



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