

Medical College of Georgia

188th Graduating Class



Hooding Ceremony

————— MAY 9, 2024 —————

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Augusta Campus, 2020 White Coat Ceremony



Medical Partnership Campus, 2020 White Coat Ceremony

**Due to COVID-19 restrictions, White Coat Ceremonies for the Class of 2024 at the Augusta Campus and the AU/UGA Medical Partnership in Athens were held separately.*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is an incredible honor to be with you today to recognize the importance of this milestone in your life.

This will be a day that you and we will always remember. From here, your paths will diverge as each of you chart your own course. Some of you will travel far for your residencies. Many of you will stay in Georgia to continue your education and service. Perhaps, you will practice in a large city; perhaps in a smaller, rural community. The medical care you deliver and the research you conduct will cut across the field of medicine, and members of this class will contribute to science, discovery and healing for many decades to come.

What a journey lies ahead of you!

As you embark on that journey, I ask you to reflect on the larger implications and responsibilities of the new role that you all share. You have chosen a profession of service. From now on, everything you do in your professional life has the potential to impact individuals, communities and entire populations, for good or for bad. Let the solemn oath you take today both inspire you and bind you to think beyond yourself and to always, always do the right thing.

You have worked hard to get here, but each of you has received much as well. Generations of MCG graduates have invested in our university so that future generations of students — like you — could have access to the very best scholarship, teaching, facilities and technology we could provide. Dozens of MCG faculty have taught, mentored, guided and counseled you on your academic journey.

As you create your future, stay connected to your university. You have much to contribute to our academic community and many opportunities to pay it forward to future generations of MCG students. Think of those who helped you — and vow to be that help to someone else.

For nearly 200 years, your university has dedicated itself to the principles of service and healing, and you are now part of that awesome history. With medical campuses in Savannah, Brunswick, Albany and Rome, another four-year campus in Athens, and another opening soon in Savannah; and with more than 600 clinical training sites across the state, the entire state of Georgia is indeed our campus. You all are contributors to that legacy of service.

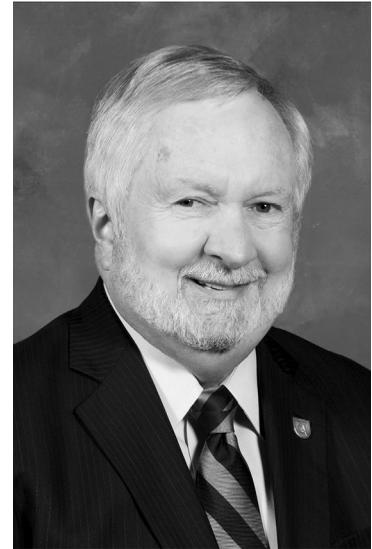
We are proud to have played a part in your success story. We are inspired by your hard work and accomplishments. We wish you every success in your future, and trust we will remain a part of your life.

With all good wishes,



Brooks A. Keel, PhD

President, Augusta University



REFLECTIONS OF THE DEAN

Today is a great day. Today, in front of your family and friends, you take on the mantle of physician.

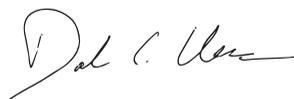
The Medical College of Georgia is proud of you, of the hard work you have done to get to this day and of the commitment you have made to medicine and to mankind.

As one of the nation's first medical schools, our nearly 200-year-old tradition of educating exemplary physicians and physician-scientists is one that I hope makes you proud. Looking at you here today, our Class of 2024, I feel confident that each of you will contribute to this legacy and make your own indelible mark.

Much like medical school, the course ahead will sometimes be challenging. Being a physician is a noble profession that comes with great privilege but also with great responsibility. But I promise you the reward is well worth it. You will be an important part of the lives of countless patients and their families. You will be a cornerstone of the communities you serve. You will make a difference in our world.

I promise as well that your medical school will always be here for you, and I hope that wherever medicine and life take you, you will remain connected to MCG.

My best to you today and always,



David C. Hess, MD

Dean, Medical College of Georgia

Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs and Integration, Augusta University

Presidential Distinguished Chair

Professor, Department of Neurology



THE HISTORY

The Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University traces its roots to 1822, when Dr. Milton Antony led a group of Augusta physicians to ask the General Assembly to incorporate the Medical Society of Augusta, Georgia. Antony further advanced this initiative to upgrade the training of physicians when he spearheaded the State Board of Medical Examiners to regulate medical practice.

In 1826, Antony began teaching apprentices. He and Dr. Joseph Adams Eve received a state charter in December 1828 to establish the Medical Academy of Georgia. The founding faculty – Drs. Antony, Ignatius P. Garvin, and Lewis D. Ford, who was named dean – opened the academy in 1829. Its first seven students enrolled in a one-year course of lectures and clinical training, leading to a Bachelor of Medicine degree. Late that year, the governor signed a legislative act altering the charter of 1828 by expanding the curriculum to two years, culminating in a Doctor of Medicine degree and changing the name to the Medical Institute of Georgia.

The college's name was first changed to the Medical College of Georgia in 1833. Over the next many years, MCG mirrored national efforts to improve physician education, moving to a three-year curriculum in 1893 and to four years just a few years later. The first female student, Loree Florence, was admitted in 1921. The 1950s brought a surge in growth that included the opening of the college's own teaching hospital, Eugene Talmadge Memorial Hospital, in 1956, and the class size reaching 100. The first black students, John T. Harper Sr. and Frank M. Rumph Sr. were admitted in 1967. A major addition to the hospital, the Sydenstricker Wing, opened in 1976; ambulatory and critical care towers were added in 1992; and the Children's Hospital of Georgia opened in 1998.

In 2011, the university's name was changed to Georgia Health Sciences University to reflect better the full scope of its academic offerings, which included nursing, allied health, dentistry, and biomedical sciences.

Two years later, the University System of Georgia consolidated GHSU with the primarily undergraduate liberal arts university, Augusta State University, and named the new institution Georgia Regents University. In September 2015, the university, now an even stronger research institution, was renamed Augusta University. The medical school retained the name Medical College of Georgia throughout.

As the public medical school for a state that consistently ranks among the top 10 in population and population growth, the school has also expanded its class size and reach to the four corners of the state.

The medical school now has more than 350 clinical sites across the state, anchored by the main campus in Augusta, three clinically focused regional campuses in Albany, Savannah/Brunswick, and Rome, a second four-year campus in Athens in partnership with the University of Georgia and a growing educational presence in Atlanta in collaboration with Wellstar Health System.

This distributed model of education enables strong clinical experience for a large number of students as it provides exposure to a broad range of care, from complex care facilities to more rural solo practices.

Ideally, the experiences also will ultimately impact what and where students choose to practice. MCG opened its first regional campus, the Southwest Campus based in Albany, in 2005; the Southeast Campus, based in Savannah and Brunswick, in 2007; and the Northwest Campus, based in Rome, in 2013. A second, four-year campus, in partnership with the University of Georgia, opened in 2010, enabling a rapid expansion of the class size. This summer, MCG will open its third four-year campus in Savannah in partnership with Georgia Southern University.

In more recent years, the medical school has redesigned its four-year core MD curriculum to three years to enable students to better tailor-make their fourth-year learning experience.

The redesign provides a more efficient pathway into primary care for a percentage of students. The majority of students will spend the fourth year of medical school honing clinical and research skills or completing a dual degree.

Today, with 264 students per class, MCG has the 8th largest class size in the nation. The J. Harold Harrison, M.D. Education Commons, the academic home for the medical school's main campus in Augusta, helps enable MCG's ongoing initiative to meet the physician needs of Georgia.



🌀 **PROGRAM** 🌀

MUSICAL PRELUDE/PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Michael W. Brands, PhD

Vice Dean of Academic Affairs

Regents' Professor, Department of Physiology

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Star-Spangled Banner

Performed by The SeroTONEins

Michelle A. Nuss, MD

Campus Dean

Professor of Medicine and Psychiatry

Augusta University/ University of Georgia Medical Partnership

DEAN'S ADDRESS

David C. Hess, MD

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Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs and Integration, Augusta University

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INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

David C. Hess, MD

HOODING ADDRESS

Kimberly Manning, MD

Professor of Medicine

Emory University School of Medicine

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AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Scott Richardson, MD

Campus Associate Dean for Academic Success

Interim Campus Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Augusta University/ University of Georgia Medical Partnership Campus

E. Vanessa Spearman-McCarthy, MD, '05

Associate Dean for Belonging and Inclusivity

Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and Psychiatry

President-Elect, Medical College of Georgia Alumni Association

AWARD PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

Bunja J. Rungruang, MD

*Chief, Division of Gynecologic Oncology
Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology*

PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HOODS

Christopher M. Watson, MD, MPH

*Assistant Dean for Student Affairs – Enrichment
Professor of Pediatrics*

Medical College of Georgia Faculty

Selected by the Class of 2024

CLASS PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Kometh (Tony) Thawanyarat, MD

*President, Class of 2024
Augusta University/ University of Georgia Medical Partnership Campus*

Sholeh Rezaee, MD

President, Class of 2024, Augusta Campus

RECOGNITION OF MILITARY SERVICE

Pam Tipler, DO

Associate Professor, Department of Medicine

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INDUCTION

Anil Puri, MD, '05

Former President, Medical College of Georgia Alumni Association

HIPPOCRATIC OATH (MODIFIED)

Dr. Nuss

CLOSING REMARKS

Jennifer E. Tucker, MD, '97

*Associate Dean for Student Affairs
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine*

RECESSIONAL

FACULTY HOODERS

The Class of 2024 gratefully acknowledges the contributions of the faculty of the Medical College of Georgia and selected the following faculty members to serve as honorary hooders.

AUGUSTA CAMPUS

Dr. Amanda Barrett, '13
Dr. Michael Brands
Dr. Paul Brock
Dr. Robert Broughton
Dr. Shilpa Brown, '94
Dr. Koosh Desai, '16
Dr. Jack Ellis
Dr. John Fisher
Dr. Dixon Freeman
Dr. Elizabeth Gray
Dr. Kathryn Martin
Dr. John Odom
Dr. Douglas Patten
Dr. Putter Prasad
Dr. E. Vanessa Spearman-McCarthy, '05
Dr. LaShon Sturgis, '14
Dr. Jennifer Tucker, '97
Dr. Christopher Watson

AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY/UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP (Athens)

Dr. Casey Bassett
Dr. Lia Bruner
Dr. Tresa Chappell
Dr. Les Watters

FACULTY ANNOUNCERS

Dr. Tracy Casanova
Dr. Erin Latif, '02
Dr. Folami Powell
Dr. T. Wayne Rentz, '72
Dr. Scott Richardson (Athens)
Dr. Andria Thomas

 **THE HIPPOCRATIC TRADITION** 

The Modern 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 into whatsoever home I shall enter, it shall be for the good of the sick and the well,
to the utmost of my power, and that I will hold myself aloof from wrong,
and from corruption and from the tempting of others to vice.*

*That I will exercise my art solely for the cure of my patients,
and the prevention of disease, and will give no drugs, and perform no operation,
for a criminal purpose, and far less suggest such a thing.*

*That whatsoever I shall see or hear of the lives of men and women,
which is not fitting to be spoken, I will keep inviolably secret.*

*These things I do promise, and in proportion as I am faithful to this oath,
may happiness and good repute be ever mine, the opposite if I shall be forsworn.*

The Hooding Ceremony formally acknowledges medical student achievement through the administration of the Hippocratic Oath.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



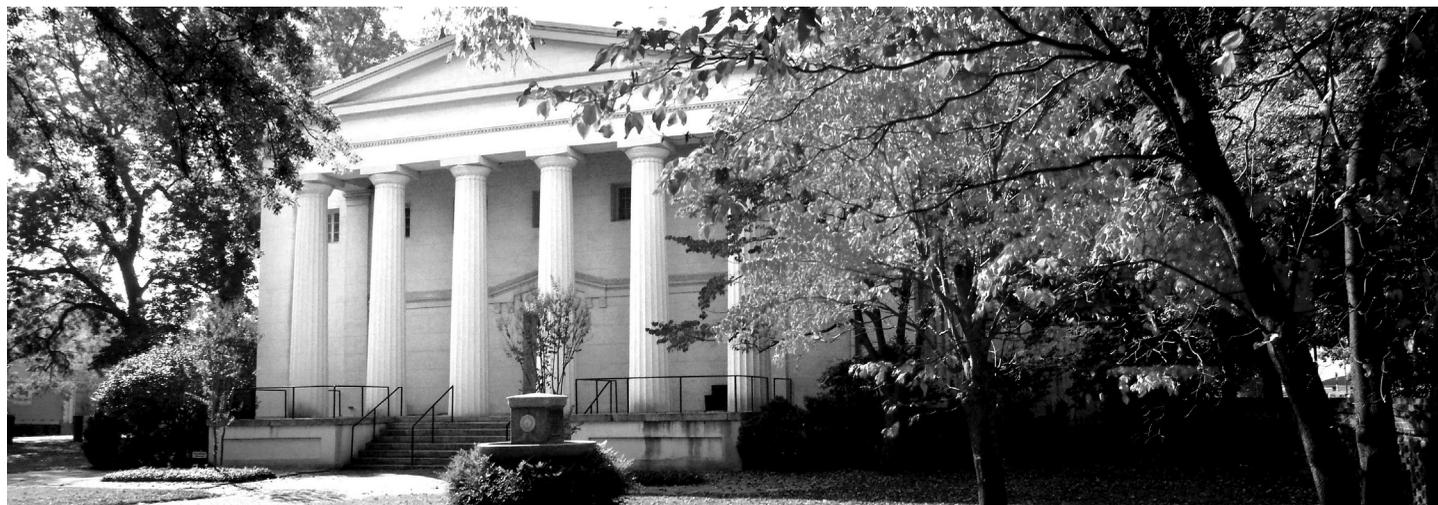
Kimberly D. Manning, MD, is a general internist/hospitalist in the Department of Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine. Manning is a Professor of Medicine, and her clinical work is at Grady Memorial Hospital, Atlanta’s safety net facility, where she has been for over two decades.

Dr. Manning is known for her innovative approach to medical education and has been recognized nationally for her mentorship and teaching, as well as her blogging and public speaking. She was awarded the ACGME Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award in 2018, received the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Association of Black Women

Physicians, and the 2022 AAMC Group on Diversity and Inclusion Exemplary Leadership Award alongside her mentor, Dr. Jada Bussey-Jones, Chief of General Medicine, Vice Chair for DEI in the Department of Medicine and Associate Dean for Professional Development at Grady. Most recently, the City of Atlanta honored her with the 2024 Spirit of Atlanta Award for her exemplary service to patients and learners. At Emory, Dr. Manning has received each one of the highest teaching awards and her work has been published in such prestigious journals as *JAMA*, *The Annals of Internal Medicine*, *Academic Medicine*, and *The Lancet*. In addition, her blog *Reflections of a Grady Doctor* was named one of the top four medical blogs by *O the Oprah Magazine*. She can be found on Twitter/X as @gradydoctor where she has over 100,000 followers.

Dr. Manning has a strong passion for storytelling as a means to build and strengthen diverse and humanistic clinical environments as well as cultivating psychologically safe learning climates. She is on the board of trustees for the Arnold P. Gold Foundation and is on the editorial board for the *Journal of Hospital Medicine*. In addition to being a prolific writer of narratives in high-impact journals and on social media, she co-hosts a podcast called *The Human Doctor*.

The Inglewood, California native is a proud alumnus of two historically Black colleges—Tuskegee University and Meharry Medical College. She completed training in combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at Case Western Reserve/MetroHealth and served as chief resident. In addition to caring for patients on the teaching service at Grady, Dr. Manning is a happily married mother of two sons and an active member of several public service organizations, including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She applies her lived experiences as a Black American woman, mother, daughter, wife, sister, and community member to all that she does professionally.



CLASS OF 2024
Augusta Campus

Sung Alexander, MD
Margaret Bailey Allen, MD
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Lakshitha Anbazhakan, MD
Sruthi Athota, MD
Andrew Austin, MD
Ryan Avidano, MD
Joseph Bailey, MD
Justin Baman, MD
Reginald Benson, MD
Cayman Bickerstaff, MD
Trina Biswas, MD
Faizan Boghani, MD
Bryant Bolds, II, MD, MBA
Michael Brackett, MD
Pierce Brody, MD
Lauren Ashley Brown, MD
Daniel Cha, MD
Rishab Chawla, MD
Merry Chen, MD
Po-Han Abraham Chen, MD
Conner Clark, MD
Zachary Corley, MD
Lillian Acree Day, MD
Thomas Dickerson, MD
Joshua Dolan, MD
Sanya Dudani, MD
Sydney Erickson, MD

Jacob Eskew, MD
Breanna Ethridge, MD
Hayden Faith, MD
Jerrell Fang, MD
Matthew Ferguson, MD
Mary Caroline Forester, MD
Sarah Chappell Fowler, MD
Morgan Franklin, MD
Peter Garcia, IV, MD
Langston Gilmore, MD
Liam Goldman, MD
Bethany Graulich, MD
Sydney Greenlaw, MD
Josephine Guitton, MD
Aneesha Gummadi, MD, MPH
Elizabeth Hale, MD
Scotty Hall, MD
Zachary Harrison, MD
Matthew Heiken, MD
Madison Horinek, MD
Chase Horsager, MD
Alex Huynh, MD
Harini Indrakrishnan, MD
Lilley Jack, MD, MPH
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Eun Jeong, MD
Cheng Jiao, MD
Rachel Kaufman, MD
Natalie Krapcho, MD

Anderson Krueger, MD
Emily Austin Krueger, MD
Jacob Kumro, MD, PhD
Audrey-Ann Lafontaine, MD
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Christian Laurent, MD
Eunice Lee, MD
Jenny Lee, MD
Taylor Lee, MD
Alice Ann Lever, MD
Sarah Lezaj, MD
Cynthia Li, MD
Mason Lin, MD
Ivan Liu, MD
Matthew Long, MD
Sarah Lu, MD
Anna Madia, MD
Selvaganesh Maduraiveeran, MD
Sharon Maina, MD
Sarah Malik, MD
Elinor Mannon, MD, PhD
Katherine Marino, MD
Charles Martin, MD
Joseph Quinn McDaniels, MD
Chase McIntosh, MD
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Christopher Mejias, MD
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Nicole Micklus, MD
Donnyell Miller, MD
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Adir Mohaban, MD
Leslie Montag, MD
Daley Morera, MD, PhD
Shanee Mortley, MD
Peter Robinson Muller, MD
Anaïs Natal, MD
Samantha Newman, MD
Andy Nguyen, MD
Lina Nguyen, MD
Wasef Nijim, MD
Edil Nour, MD
Shirley Nwokike, MD
Obadi Obadi, MD
Callie O'Bryant, MD, MPH
Tucker Oliver, MD
Disha Patel, MD
Andrew Pless, MD
Luke Qin, MD
Natasha Ramaswamy, MD, MPH
Janavi Ramesh, MD

Mario Ramirez, MD
Andrea Ramirez Olarte, MD
Darsani Reddy, MD
Sholeh Rezaee, MD, MPH
Summer Roberson, MD, MPH
William Holt Roberts, MD
Caleb Robertson, MD
Rebekah Robinson, MD, PhD
Bailey Rodgers, MD
Anish Sangari, MD
Viktoriya Sapkalova, MD
Madeleine Schlafly, MD
Anand Shah, MD
Joseph Shaver, MD
Tiffany Shields, MD
Angela Shin, MD
Daniel Hal Silcox, IV, MD
Madeline Snipes, MD
Nitish Sood, MD
Nicholas Sorensen, MD
Alexis Stephens, MD
Samantha Summers, MD, MPH
Sahaana Sundar, MD
Ayesha Syed, MD
Denean Taylor, MD
Alvin Thomas, MD
Abigail Thomas-Lemmon, MD
Diana Toro, MD
Diane Tran, MD
Roy Urum, MD
Nimisha Vasandani, MD
Amelia Vu, MD
Samantha Walker, MD
William J. Walker, III, MD
Morgan Wan, MD, MPH
Clara Wang, MD
Ifrah Waris, MD
Jacob Weiser, MD, MPH
Max Wieder, MD
David Wolff, MD
Samer Yassin, MD
May Ye Mon, MD
Kristine Yhang, MD
Samantha Zhan-Moodie, MD
Natalie Zink, MD

 **AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY/UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA** 
MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP

Pascal Acree, MD
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Kometh Thawanyarat, MD
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Anna Turlej, MD
Ethan Welch, MD
Madeline Wetterhall, MD
Shane Wilson, MD
Kara Ye, MD
Sarah Ye, MD

 **NORTHWEST CAMPUS** 

Rome/Dalton

Sarah Beller, MD
Natalia Brody, MD
Nikhil Gangasani, MD
Caleb Leung, MD
Omkar Mayur, MD
Princess Ogundu, MD

Niambh O'Neill, MD
Cortney Sugihara, MD
Eszter Toth, MD
Jeremy Zimmerman, MD

~ **SOUTHEAST CAMPUS** *~*

Savannah/Brunswick

Aderemi Awe, MD
John Tyler Beauchamp, MD
Owen Borawski, MD
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Dae Gun Chung Kim, MD
Kayla Cooper, MD
Naema Daino, MD
Judy Dinh, MD
Sahil Gandhi, MD
Umasai Kandepu, MD
Guirshney Samarah Kenol, MD
Duncan Kleinbub, MD

Patrick Lorenz, MD
Camelia Malkami, MD
Naganavya Ravoori, MD
Victoria Sahar, MD
Abdelsalam Sharkasi, MD
Stephen Spivey, MD
Vunya Srinivasa, MD
Stefan Stofberg, MD
Edie Threlkeld, MD

~ **SOUTHWEST CAMPUS** *~*

Albany

Ayesha Ali, MD
Britni Ashkinazy, MD
Kalyani Ballur, MD
Renie George, MD
Lauren Gilstrap, MD
Mya Goodbee, MD

Allison Lewis, MD
Katie Lively, MD
Samuel Segnou, MD
Harriera Siddiq, MD
Sandya Vikram, MD, MPH

ACADEMIC AWARDS FOR CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

Center for Ultrasound Education

Outstanding Teaching Award
Anderson Krueger, MD

**Department of Anesthesiology and
Perioperative Medicine**

Zacariah W. Gramling Scholarship Award
Farhan Lakhani, MD, MBA

Department of Emergency Medicine

Society for Academic Emergency Medicine 2024
Excellence in Medicine Award
Tiffany Shields, MD

Student Excellency Award
Matthew Ferguson, MD

**Department of Family and Community
Medicine**

The Ollie O. McGahee Memorial Award
Ayesha Ali, MD

Family Medicine T.A. Sappington, MD
Outstanding Student Award
Michael Brackett, MD

Family Medicine Research Award
Zachary Harrison, MD

Department of Medicine

Clinical Scholar Award
Sarah Malik, MD

Department of Neurology

Outstanding Student in Neurology
William Holt Roberts, MD

Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

The Bob Stager Compassion in OB/GYN Award
Cayman Bickerstaff, MD

Department of Pathology

Walter L. Sheppard Achievement Award
May Ye Mon, MD

Department of Pediatrics

William Weston, III, MD Award
Madison Horinek, MD

Harry B. O'Rear, MD Award
Kayla Cooper, MD

Department of Psychiatry and Behavior

EJ McCranie, MD Excellence in Psychiatry Award
Christian E. Sascha Brown, MD

Department of Radiology & Imaging

Outstanding Radiology Medical Student
Zachary Corley, MD

Department of Surgery

William B. Dion Outstanding Student Award
Elizabeth Hale, MD

High Achievement on the Surgery Clerkship Award
Elizabeth Hale, MD
Samantha Newman, MD
Joseph Quinn McDaniels, MD

AWARDS, CERTIFICATES, HONORS AND SCHOLARS

Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Society

AOA was founded in 1902 and is the world's only national medical honor society. Its purpose is to recognize and foster excellence in the medical community. Founded in 1926, the Alpha of Georgia chapter is the oldest in the state. Alpha Omega Alpha is dedicated to the belief that in the profession of medicine we will improve care for all by recognizing high educational achievement, honoring gifted teaching, encouraging the development of leaders in academia and the community, supporting the ideals of humanism, and promoting service to others. Election into AOA is an honor signifying a lasting commitment to scholarship, leadership, professionalism and service. A lifelong honor, membership in the society confers recognition for a physician's dedication to the profession and art of healing.

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Madison Horinek, MD	Peter Robinson Muller, MD	

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Anastacia Bankey, MD	Julia Scher, MD	Kara Ye, MD
Luke del Balzo, MD		

AWARDS, CERTIFICATES, HONORS AND SCHOLARS

Alpha Upsilon Phi (AUPhi) Honor Society

AUPhi is an honorary campus society established to promote and recognize service and leadership efforts by Augusta University students, faculty, and staff through activities carried out by various clubs and organizations on and off campus. AUPhi seeks to increase the accessibility of community service opportunities for those interested in volunteering and promoting service and leadership activities at the school, campus, and community levels. In doing so, AUPhi hopes to foster an increased awareness of and participation in volunteer efforts. AUPhi honors its participants at an annual convocation ceremony.

Augusta Campus

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Kayla Cooper, MD
Sanya Dudani, MD
Sahil Gandhi, MD

Renie George, MD
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Elizabeth Hale, MD
Camelia Malkami, MD
Katherine Marino, MD
Mehul Mehra, MD, MPH
Callie O'Bryant, MD, MPH

Natasha Ramaswamy, MD, MPH
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Sahaana Sundar, MD
Edie Threlkeld, MD
Sandya Vikram, MD, MPH
Natalie Zink, MD

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Pascal Acree, MD
Shadman Ibmamasud, MD

Arthur McCarty, MD
Alexander Parsons, MD

Anna Schramski, MD
Kometh Thawanyarat, MD

Dean's Clinical Honor Society

The Medical College of Georgia established the Dean's Clinical Honor Society in 2017 to honor medical students who consistently achieved the highest academic excellence throughout the core clinical clerkships of medical school.

Augusta Campus

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Faizan Boghani, MD
Owen Borawski, MD
Michael Brackett, MD

Pierce Brody, MD
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Bethany Graulich, MD

AWARDS, CERTIFICATES, HONORS AND SCHOLARS

Dean's Clinical Honor Society

Augusta Campus (continued)

Sydney Greenlaw, MD
Elizabeth Hale, MD
Zachary Harrison, MD
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Lilley Jack, MD, MPH
Cheng Jiao, MD
Rachel Kaufman, MD
Duncan Kleinbub, MD
Natalie Krapcho, MD
Anderson Krueger, MD
Emily Austin Krueger, MD
Farhan Lakhani, MD, MBA
Eunice Lee, MD
Taylor Lee, MD
Alice Ann Lever, MD
Cynthia Li, MD
Ivan Liu, MD

Matthew Long, MD
Anna Madia, MD
Sarah Malik, MD
Elinor Mannon, MD, PhD
Charles Martin, MD
Omkar Mayur, MD
Joseph Quinn McDaniels, MD
Leslie Montag, MD
Peter Robinson Muller, MD
Samantha Newman, MD
Lina Nguyen, MD
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The Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS)

GHHS was founded in 1988 with the power of an idea — to nurture and preserve the tradition of the caring physician. This society honors medical students, residents, role-model physician teachers, and other exemplars recognized for “demonstrated excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service.” The GHHS is dedicated to recognizing, supporting, and promoting the values of humanism and professionalism in medicine. The Society is committed to working within and beyond medical education to inspire, nurture, and sustain lifelong advocates and activists for patient-centered medical care.

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Glasgow-Rubin Citation for Academic Achievement

Formerly known as the Janet Glasgow Award, the Glasgow-Rubin Citation for Academic Achievement is awarded by the American Medical Women's Association to women who graduate in the top 10 percent of their medical school class.

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Emily Austin Krueger, MD
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Taylor Lee, MD
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J. Harold Harrison Scholars

The J. Harold Harrison Scholarship Program recognizes students who demonstrate strong academic and leadership skills. These skills are further fostered through a series of development programs focusing on enhanced academic opportunities, leadership coaching, and professional and personal development training. These programs are designed to facilitate success at the Medical College of Georgia and prepare students to become future leaders in the highly competitive medical field.

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Farhan Lakhani, MD, MBA
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Sarah Lezaj, MD

Matthew Long, MD
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William J. Walker, III, MD

The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Awards

The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Awards are presented to one graduating medical student and one medical school faculty member and are sponsored by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation. These awards are presented annually at 97 of the nation's medical schools. This award is presented to the student and faculty member who best demonstrates the Foundation's ideals of outstanding compassion in the delivery of care, respect for patients, their families, and healthcare colleagues, as well as demonstrated clinical excellence.

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Military Scholars

When medical students who have participated in U.S. military scholarships such as the Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) graduate, they receive their medical degrees and take their oath as commissioned officers in the military. We are proud of the members of the Medical College of Georgia class who choose to serve their country as members of the medical corps of our armed services.

The HPSP, established in 1972, offers medical students the ability to complete medical education without accumulating academic debt. In exchange for the scholarship, graduates serve a term as medical military officers. The program is competitive, and receiving the scholarship is an honor. Selection is based on undergraduate GPA, MCAT, letters of recommendation, personal statements, physical fitness, and other criteria. The scholarship program graduates between 275-300 physicians each year. Since its inception, more than 10,000 physicians have graduated nationally through this program, and 85 percent of military physicians have been HPSP recipients.

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Andrew Austin, MD
Thomas Dickerson, MD
Mya Goodbee, MD

Matthew Ferguson, MD
Taylor Lee, MD
Nicole Micklus, MD
Luke Qin, MD

Joseph Shaver, MD
Stephen Spivey, MD

Peach State Scholars

The Medical College of Georgia is working to address Georgia's worsening shortage of primary care physicians. To help ease this burden, the 3+ Primary Care Pathway Program offers students who want to serve Georgia a quicker path to primary care residency and practice. Those students can graduate medical school in three years and immediately enter a primary care residency program in Georgia. With a commitment to practice in rural and underserved areas of the state, they are also offered a scholarship to cover their tuition, supported through generous donations from Peach State Health Plan, other MCG donors, and matching funds from the state of Georgia.

Reginald Benson, MD
Sarah Chappell Fowler, MD

Selvaganesh Maduraiveeran, MD
Adir Mohaban, MD

Edil Nour, MD
Bailey Rodgers, MD

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Physician's Physician Award

The Physician's Physician Award is presented to graduating medical students who demonstrate the greatest aptitude for and devotion to the profession of medicine. Both campuses voted for the individual who they would most likely seek out as a personal physician. The individuals chosen this year have demonstrated empathy, grace, and teamwork throughout their clinical training.

The Professional Scholars Program (BS/MD)

The Professional Scholars Program at Augusta University is a competitive, accelerated, seven-year, dual-degree pathway for outstanding students. In the first three years, students pursue a BS in Cell & Molecular Biology through the Department of Biological Sciences in the College of Science and Mathematics. In the fourth year, students matriculate into the four-year MD program at the Medical College of Georgia while also completing their BS degree.

Kalyani Ballur, MD
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Aneesha Gummadi, MD, MPH
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Caleb Leung, MD

Omkar Mayur, MD
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Victoria Sahar, MD

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Ayesha Syed, MD
Sandya Vikram, MD, MPH
Morgan Wan, MD, MPH
May Ye Mon, MD

Cord Legend

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society: Green and Gold Braided Cord
Alpha Upsilon Phi: White Cord
Bioethics Certificate: Navy, Silver, and Gold Braided Cord
Dean's Clinical Honor Society: Medium Green Cord
Executive Board: Royal Blue Cord
Gold Humanism Honor Society: Gold and White Braided Cord
J. Harold Harrison Scholars: MCG Blue, Medium Green, and White Braided Cord
MD-MPH: Salmon and Drab Braided Cord
MD-MBA: Peach and Drab Braided Cord
Peach State Scholars: Peach, Green, and White Braided Cord

TRADITION OF HOODING

The “hood” that is part of the academic costume was originally designed as a head covering to keep tonsured heads warm in cold, unheated buildings. It dates back to the medieval days of some of the oldest universities in the world. Today, hoods are the most expressive part of the academic costume. They not only indicate the field of study which has been completed, but the degree and the institution’s colors. The hooding ceremony signifies a scholarly personal achievement. Graduated members (senior leaders, faculty and special hooders) of the profession place the hood on the student as a symbol of passage from student status to graduate status. The hoods of the Medical College of Georgia are worn proudly with silver, blue and red as well as the color of medicine, green.

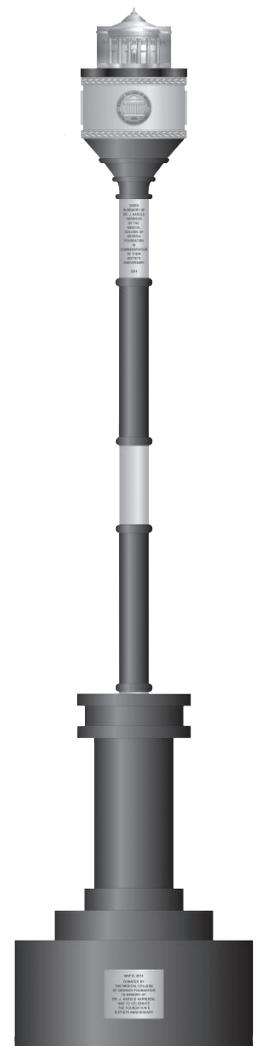
MACE

The Medical College of Georgia mace was donated by the MCG Foundation in observance of the foundation’s 60th anniversary and dedicated to the memory of Dr. J. Harold Harrison, a 1948 MCG graduate, renown vascular surgeon and namesake of the medical school’s academic home, the J. Harold Harrison, M.D., Education Commons. The mace represents the authority of its bearer to protect MCG, its community and its values.

The mace stands three-and-one-half feet tall. It is comprised of antique bronze and sculpted dark walnut. Its headpiece is circled by the seals of the state of Georgia, Medical College of Georgia and the MCG Foundation. The headpiece is capped by a bronze replica of the old Medical College of Georgia building to honor the history and prominence of this venerable institution.

A bronze band in the dark walnut staff is inscribed with this dedication:

*Given in memory of Dr. J. Harold Harrison by the
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