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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE COMMENCEMENT

E X E R C I S E S

Tuesday the Eleventh of May

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One o'clock



GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT OLIAN

Congratulations to the Class of 2021 as we celebrate your achievements and this life-changing milestone. As you embark on your residencies all across the country, I know you are well prepared to continue your journey of patient-centered health care and impact in communities.

Your many talents and sense of purpose will touch countless lives. As graduates of the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac, you have been taught and nurtured by a distinguished faculty and a committed staff, and you have learned much from each other. Please stay connected to the Quinnipiac Netter community and draw upon the many friendships you have formed here.

This day is deservedly shared with your families, friends and others who have contributed to your success. The anticipation and wonder, the talents and curiosity, the confidence and commitment—it all comes together at this moment. Enjoy the celebration and know that all of us at Bobcat Nation are cheering you on, with pride.

Sincerely,

Judy D. Olian, PhD



A MESSAGE FROM DEAN KOEPPEN

As members of the fifth graduating class of the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine, you have shown incredible resilience in your response to the impact of the coronavirus on your educational experience, including your virtual Match Day celebration. Your positive approach, your actions, and indeed, your steadfast commitment to discovery and excellence have inspired us all.

As you begin your residencies, many of you will be on the front lines as our country, and the world, continue to confront the coronavirus. As a class, I am confident that you are fully prepared to meet every challenge with the knowledge, skills and compassion you possess. You have already made us all proud, and I know you will continue to do so.

The entire faculty and staff at the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine wishes you long and meaningful careers and much success.

Best wishes,

Bruce M. Koeppen, MD, PhD

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar

Call to Commencement

Debra J. Liebowitz, PhD
Provost

National Anthem:

Tiffany Rose, MD '21

Greetings

Judy D. Olian, PhD
President

Dean's Remarks

Bruce M. Koeppen, MD, PhD
Dean of the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine

Introduction of Commencement Speaker

Bruce M. Koeppen

Commencement Address

Lisa Sanders, MD, FACP
Associate Professor of Medicine, Yale School of Medicine
New York Times Columnist, Diagnosis

Presentation of Anesthesiologist Assistant Candidates for Degrees

A. William Paulsen, MMSc, PhD
Professor of Medical Sciences and
Anesthesiologist Assistant Program Director

Conferral of Degrees

Judy D. Olian

Presentation of Candidates for Medical Degrees and Conferral of Hoods

Kim-Thu C. Pham, MD, MPH
Associate Dean, Student Affairs

Conferral of Degrees

Judy D. Olian

Student Remarks

Sneha Alaparathi, MD '21

Hippocratic Oath

Lyuba Konopasek, MD
Senior Associate Dean of Education

Recessional

Please remain seated until the Commencement procession files out.



Visit commencement.qu.edu/program
for more information on today's ceremony.



CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

Master of Medical Science Anesthesiologist Assistant

Andrea Griffin
Leeann Ray
Emma Walde
Elizabeth Slepko

Doctor of Medicine

Sneha Alaparthi

Distinction in Medical Humanities
Thomas Jefferson University, PA
General Surgery

Christine Ashton

Distinction in Basic, Translational & Clinical Science Research
Barnes-Jewish Hospital Washington
University School of Medicine, MO
Neurology

Nick Aygen

Distinction in Healthcare Management & Organizational Leadership
Zucker School of Medicine Northwell
Cohen Children's, NY
Pediatrics

Alana Behrens

Distinction in Health Communications
University of Arizona College of Medicine
South Campus, AZ
Emergency Medicine

Eliessa Bell

Distinction in Health Communications
Kootenai Health, ID
Family Medicine

Michael Boncaldo

Distinction in Basic, Translational & Clinical Science Research
Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, NJ
General Surgery

Traci Bourne

Distinction in Global, Public & Community Health
University of California San Francisco, CA
Pediatrics

Cara Cama

High Distinction in Interprofessional Education & Practice
St. Luke's Hospital, PA
General Surgery

Elizabeth Cammett

High Distinction in Global, Public & Community Health
Wellspan Health York Hospital, PA
Obstetrics-Gynecology

Min Seok Chae

Distinction in Global, Public & Community Health
St. Luke's Hospital, PA
Emergency Medicine

Syh-Shiuan Chao

Distinction in Global, Public & Community Health
National Capital Consortium Fort Belvoir
Community Hospital, VA
Family Medicine

Wan Hsiang Chen

Distinction in Medical Humanities
Methodist Hospital, TX
Internal Medicine

Katharine Cioe

Distinction in Basic, Translational & Clinical Science Research
University of Michigan Hospital Ann
Arbor, MI
Psychiatry

Alexa Cohn

Distinction in Medical Education
Franciscan Health Olympia Fields, IL
Emergency Medicine

Ellie Davis

Distinction in Basic, Translational & Clinical Science Research
University of Massachusetts Medical
School, MA
Internal Medicine

Brian Day

Distinction in Global, Public & Community Health
St. Luke's Hospital, PA
Internal Medicine/Cardiology

Ryan Denkewicz

Distinction in Medical Education

Kachenta Descartes

High Distinction in Global, Public & Community Health
University of Connecticut School of
Medicine, CT
Obstetrics-Gynecology

Alexandra Desir

Distinction in Medical Humanities
Zucker School of Medicine Northwell
Hillside, NY
Psychiatry

Galaxy Desire

High Distinction in Basic, Translational & Clinical Science Research
Boston University Medical Center, MA
Internal Medicine, Ophthalmology

Ashley Dunbar

High Distinction in Basic, Translational & Clinical Science Research
Barnes-Jewish Hospital Washington
University School of Medicine, MO
Neurological Surgery

Jordan Edgren

Distinction in Medical Humanities
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical
Center, NH
Internal Medicine

Stephan Elliott

Distinction in Global, Public & Community Health
Lancaster General Hospital, PA
Family Medicine

Leia Fecteau

High Distinction in Global, Public & Community Health
Long Island Jewish Medical Center
North Shore Long Island, NY
Internal Medicine-Emergency Medicine

Richard Ferro

High Distinction in Health Communications
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, CA
Family Medicine

Yury Fomin

Distinction in Health Communications
University of Arizona College of Medicine
Phoenix, AZ
Internal Medicine-Pediatrics

Chandler Ford

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University of Connecticut School of
Medicine, CT
Emergency Medicine

Carlos Franco

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Albany Medical Center, NY
Psychiatry

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University of Connecticut School of
Medicine, CT
General Surgery

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Center, NH
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New York Presbyterian Hospital Columbia University Medical Center, NY
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University of Connecticut School of Medicine, CT
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Carly Kawanishi

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University of Colorado School of Medicine, CO
Psychiatry

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Internal Medicine

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Internal Medicine

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Internal Medicine

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Pediatrics

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Internal Medicine-Pediatrics

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Anesthesiology

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Montefiore Medical Center Albert Einstein School of Medicine, NY
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General Surgery

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General Surgery

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Family Medicine

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Yale New Haven Hospital, CT
Anesthesiology

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University of Texas Medical Branch-Galveston, TX
Anesthesiology

Katherine Woolley

Distinction in Basic, Translational & Clinical Science Research
University of California San Francisco, CA
Orthopaedic Surgery

Andrew Yanik

High Distinction in Medical Education
University of Utah Health, UT
Internal Medicine



ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

Excellent Performance in a Required Clinical Clerkship

Critical Care—Ellie Davis

Emergency Medicine—Alexander Varasteh

Family Medicine—Julia Strother

Internal Medicine—Andrew Yanik

OB/GYN—Kachenta Descartes

Pediatrics—Andrew Karnaze

Psychiatry—Daniel Hernandez

Surgery—Jeremy Fridling

Awards for Leadership and Service

Gerald R. Berg, MD, Service—Lauren Okafor

This award recognizes an individual who demonstrates selfless and compassionate service to the community.

Dean's Leadership Award—Layne Keating

This award recognizes an individual who demonstrates outstanding leadership to their class and the school.

State and National Awards

2021 Excellence in Public Health Award, U.S. Public Health Service Physician Professional Advisory Committee—

Jeremy Fridling

Academy of Family Physicians Dr. David and Arthur Schuman Award—Nicole Somes

Connecticut Academy of Family Physicians Annual Student Award—Richard Ferro

Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Award—Katie White

Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award—

Elizabeth Cammett

The purpose of the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award, presented by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, is to recognize the value of humanism in the delivery of care to patients and their families.

Awards for Outstanding Capstone Projects

Barbara Pober, MD, MPH, Clinical Science Scholarship Award—Daniel Hernandez

MeSH Preceptors Award for Scholarship in Primary Care—Zoe Frolking

Scholarship in Community or Global Health Award—Min Seok Chae

Scholarship in Humanism Award—Richard Ferro

Medical Innovation and Education Award—Andrew Yanik

Stephen Wikel PhD Scientific Scholarship Award—Galaxy Desire

Awards for High Distinction in a Capstone Concentration

Cara Cama

Elizabeth Cammett

Kachenta Descartes

Galaxy Desire

Ashley Dunbar

Leia Fecteau

Richard Ferro

Chandler Ford

Jeremy Fridling

Zoe Frolking

Brigitta Gehl

Nicole Gherlone

Michael Gyimah

Luke Jenusaitis

Andrew Karnaze

Carly Kawanishi

Layne Keating

Saumya Kumar

Aida Martinez

Nicole McAmis

Melissa Peires-Hughes

Francis Ruiz

William Sanders

Thomas Schneider

Amy Steele

Rachael Steinhauer

Alison Tran

Kristen Williams

Andrew Yanik

Gold Humanism Honor Society

Traci Bourne

Katharine Cioe

Kachenta Descartes

Alexandra Desir

Galaxy Desire

Carly Kawanishi

Layne Keating

Aida Martinez

Lauren Okafor

William Sanders

Keshia Toussaint

Alison Tran

Chevaughn Wellington

Andrew Yanik

THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH

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

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

I will apply, for the benefit of the sick, all measures that are required, avoiding those twin traps of overtreatment and therapeutic nihilism.

I will remember that there is art to medicine as well as science, and that warmth, sympathy and understanding may outweigh the surgeon's knife or the chemist's drug.

I will not be ashamed to say, "I know not," nor will I fail to call in my colleagues when the skills of another are needed for a patient's recovery.

I will respect the privacy of my patients, for their problems are not disclosed to me that the world may know. Most especially must I tread with care in matters of life and death.

If it is given me to save a life, all thanks. But it may also be within my power to take a life; this awesome responsibility must be faced with great humbleness and awareness of my own frailty. Above all, I must not play at God.

I will remember that I do not treat a fever chart, a cancerous growth, but a sick human being whose illness may affect the person's family and economic stability. My responsibility includes these related problems, if I am to care adequately for the sick.

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

I will remember that I remain a member of society, with special obligations to all my fellow human beings; those sound of mind and body as well as the infirm.

If I do not violate this oath, may I enjoy life and art, respected while I live and remembered with affection thereafter. May I always act so as to preserve the finest traditions of my calling, and may I long experience the joy of healing those who seek my help.

