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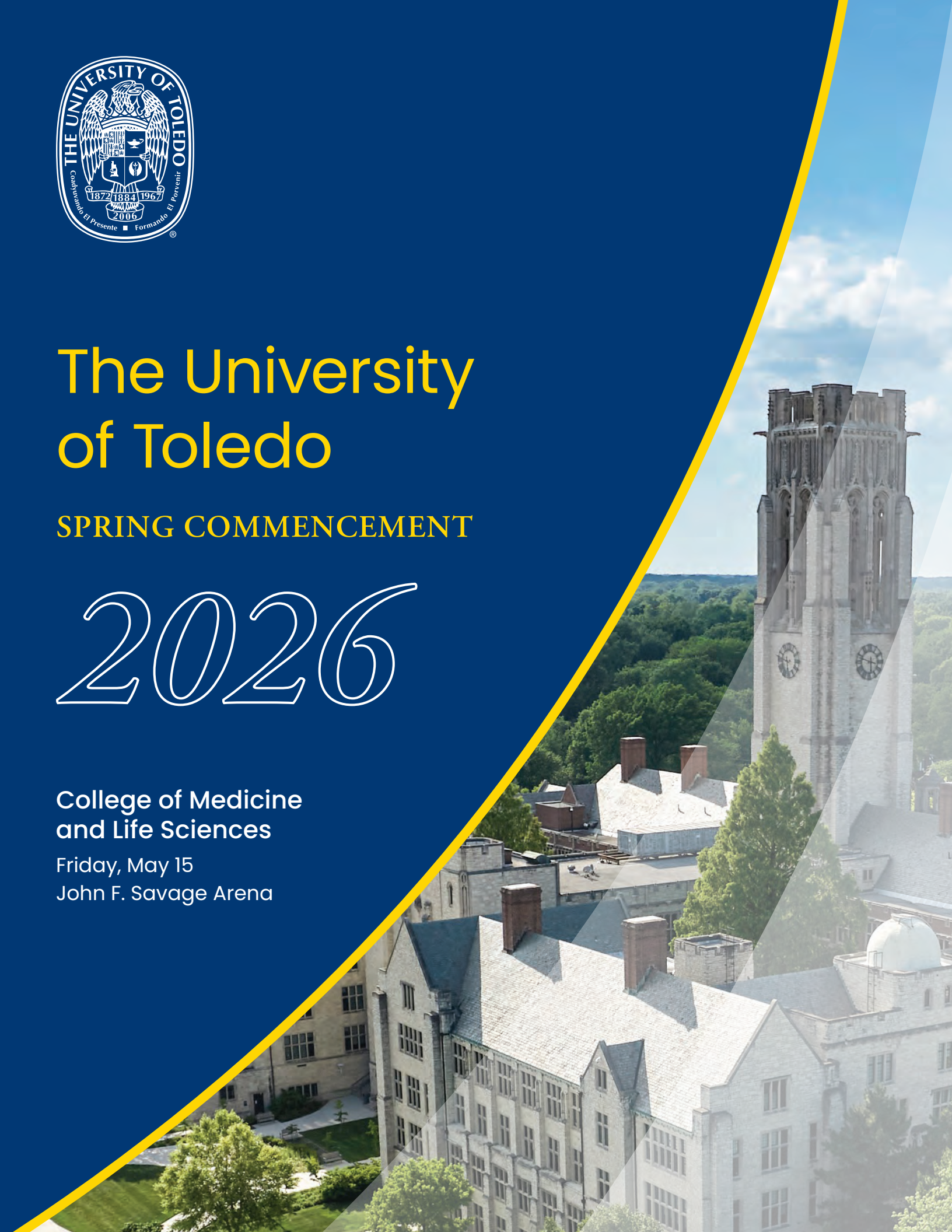
SPRING COMMENCEMENT

2026

College of Medicine
and Life Sciences

Friday, May 15

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Letter from the Dean

May 15, 2026

Dear Graduates,

On this occasion of the 55th Commencement of The University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences, I am proud to honor you for your exceptional talent, effort, achievements and dedication. I also want to express my appreciation for your family, friends and others who supported you throughout your education at The University of Toledo. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the faculty and staff who, consistent with the mission of the college, worked tirelessly with you to improve the health of our communities and region and have worked with you to develop your talents as excellent clinicians and scientists.

I join with the Board of Trustees, President, faculty and alumni of this great college and University in welcoming you into the alumni from The University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences. You will always be linked to this college and institution and we to you. I call upon each of you graduating today to remain involved in the growth and progress of our college. Including today's graduating class of 209 students, more than 10,000 alumni of The University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences have moved forward from their graduation day to meet the needs of society through their life's work as consummate professionals; as physicians, scientists, physician assistants, pathology assistants, paramedics, and in global health, human donation sciences and other healthcare disciplines.

To the Class of 2026, I wish you the very best as you go out to change the world with The Power To Do and become a part of the rich tradition that has set the pace for the future of The University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences as a leader in health sciences.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Imran I. Ali'.

Imran I. Ali, M.D.
Dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences
Vice Provost for Health Education
Professor of Neurology

History of The University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences

The Medical College of Ohio at Toledo (MCO) was established by action of the Ohio General Assembly on Dec. 18, 1964. Originally called the Toledo State College of Medicine until it was re-named in 1967, the new medical school was the culmination of several feasibility studies commissioned at the local, state and national levels to address a growing physician workforce shortage.

When the first class of 32 medical students began studies on Sept. 11, 1969, the MCO was the fourth medical school in Ohio and the 100th in the nation. The campus was located on the corner of South Detroit and Arlington avenues, along with the former Maumee Valley Hospital, the current site of the Area Office on Aging. The first class of medical students graduated on June 2, 1972.

The MCO master plan, developed by Minoru Yamasaki and Associates, the architect who designed the twin towers of the World Trade Center, called for college development on 346 acres of land between Arlington and Glendale avenues acquired from the Ohio Department of Mental Hygiene and Corrections. Designed by Yamasaki, construction of the first building on the new campus, the Health Science Building, began in late 1970 and was completed in 1973. In 1995, the building was named after Paul Block Jr, one of MCO's founding fathers, who was the first chairman of the institution's Board of Trustees.

In 1997, the Ohio Board of Regents approve a historic cooperative registration agreement allowing the exchange of graduate students between the MCO, The University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University. This crucial agreement laid the groundwork for an eventual merger between MCO and UToledo.

In June 2005, MCO was renamed the Medical University of Ohio (MUO) to reflect the institution's growth. The following year, Ohio state legislators passed a historic bill that merged MUO with The University of Toledo, creating The University of Toledo College of Medicine. The merger was hailed as the most significant event in higher education in Ohio in more than 50 years. Dr. Lloyd A. Jacobs, appointed as the sixth president of MCO in November 2003, was selected to lead the merged universities, becoming the sixteenth president of The University of Toledo on July 1, 2006.

In spring 2015, the College of Medicine established a major academic partnership with ProMedica, a Toledo-based health system, creating a long-term affiliation to enhance medical education and expand clinical training opportunities in the region. The first class of students and residents began training under this affiliation in July 2016. Building on the success of this collaboration, a revised Academic Affiliation Agreement was finalized in May 2024 to continue supporting medical education in the greater Toledo community. By fostering new partnerships for academic excellence and expanded opportunities for clinical training and residency placement, the UToledo College of Medicine is on a long-term mission to recruit top-performing students, educate them to be the best doctors, advanced practitioners and research scientists, and retain them in northwest Ohio to better serve our community.

Including today's graduating class, The University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences has conferred approximately 6,739 doctor of medicine degrees, 532 doctor of philosophy in biomedical sciences degrees, 2,517 master's degrees in biomedical sciences, public health, occupational health, physician assistant studies, nursing, and health professions, 334 graduate certificates in pathology, contemporary gerontological practice, global public health, and health and medical education have been awarded.

Today, The University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences has nearly 400 full- and part-time faculty members, approximately 750 community-based faculty members and nearly 400 ProMedica practitioners.

History of Academic Regalia

Commencement is a ceremony that is steeped in ecclesiastically based tradition that dates to medieval times. These roots are most evident in the traditional garments worn by the faculty and students, which have evolved from the robes, caps, and hoods worn by the monks who founded Oxford University in the eleventh century and Cambridge University in the twelfth century.

In the United States, the academic regalia were first adopted as ceremonial attire for college officials in 1754 at the institution now known as Columbia University. In 1885, students in many of the country's colleges and universities launched a movement to permit graduating candidates to wear robes and caps during commencement exercises. Today, every detail of the academic regalia has significance, including every color, style of hat, and cut of the sleeve of the academic gown. These details were standardized at a meeting in 1895 in New York City hosted by Columbia University for university officials from across the country. The group, named the Intercollegiate Commission, established and adopted the country's first code of color and design for the academic garb. Today's academic regalia reflect the modifications to the code accepted in 1960 and adopted by nearly 95% of the nation's postsecondary institutions.

The Intercollegiate Commission standardized the black Oxford or mortarboard style cap that is worn for all degrees. Only the doctoral degree cap may be round and can be made of velvet. Only doctoral degree holders or presidents of institutions may wear a gold tassel on the cap. The color of the tassel generally represents the color of one's academic discipline.

In the United States, the academic robe is most often black; some institutions, however, sanction the use of specific colors. The length of the robe, the width of the sleeves, and the cut of the gown identify the degree level achieved by the gown's wearer. The bachelor's degree gown is knee length, has pointed sleeves, and is worn closed. The master's degree gown is calf length, has oblong cut sleeves slit at the wrist, and is worn open or closed. The doctoral degree gown is ankle length, has bell shaped sleeves usually crossed with bands of velvet, and is worn open or closed. In addition, the doctoral degree gown usually has velvet panels down the front. The velvet panels often reflect the color of the academic discipline, e.g., green for recipients of the Doctor of Medicine degree and royal blue for the Doctor of Philosophy degree.

The hood is considered the most important and distinctive feature of academic regalia in the American system. The length of the hood distinguishes the degree it represents — the longer the hood drapes in the back, the higher the degree. The color of the velvet binding of the hood identifies the specialized field of study. These colors include green for medicine, royal blue for philosophy, golden yellow for science, salmon for public health and occupational health, and golden yellow for physician assistant studies. The colors in the satin lining of the hood represent the institution granting the degree regardless of the discipline. Therefore, all hoods awarded today at commencement are lined in blue and gold representing the academic colors of The University of Toledo.

The academic regalia adds dignity and style to graduation, emphasizing tradition and the importance of past wisdom in the process of learning.

The above information was adapted from materials provided by Temple University, Defiance College, and American Universities and Colleges, 13th Edition.

College of Medicine and Life Sciences Honorary Degree Recipients

*Degrees were conferred at College of Medicine Commencement
except as otherwise noted.*

- 1972**
John Rusten Hogness, M.D.
Robert Bruce Merrifield, Ph.D.
Robert M. Zollinger, M.D.
- 1973**
Robert A. Good, M.D., Ph.D.
Irvine H. Page, M.D.
- 1974**
Britton Chance, Ph.D.
John A. D. Cooper, M.D.
Rubin H. Flocks, M.D.
- At the Dedication of the
Health Science Building**
Robert M. Berne, M.D.
Charles Huggins, M.D.
George Palade, M.D.
Elizabeth S. Russell, Ph.D.
- 1975**
Norman Kretchmer, M.D., Ph.D.
Keith R. Porter, Ph.D.
W. R. Willard, M.D.
- At the Dedication of the
Raymon H. Mulford Library Building**
Frank B. Rogers, M.D.
Owsei Temkin, M.D.
- 1976**
Rear Admiral Alene B. Duerk
A. M. Harvey, M.D.
William A. Sodeman Sr., M.D.
- At the Dedication of the
Health Education Building**
Robert W. Leader, D.V.M.
Walsh McDermott, M.D.
Lewis Thomas, M.D.
- 1977**
D. Carleton Gajdusek, M.D.
Sir Robert Macintosh, D.M.
Lawrence E. Young, M.D.
- 1978**
John P. Hubbard, M.D.
Walter H. Seegers, Ph.D.
Eugene A. Stead, Jr., M.D.
- 1979**
Paul B. Beeson, M.D.
Paul R. Gross, Ph.D.
Frank F. A. Rawling, M.D.
- 1980**
Michael E. DeBakey, M.D.
Henry L. Morse
Charles Rammelkamp Jr., M.D.
Walter F. Riker Jr., M.D.
- 1981**
Michael J. Damas
Richard M. Krause, M.D.
Bernard Lachner, M.B.A.
James V. Neel, M.D., Ph.D.
Thomas L. Stern, M.D.
- 1982**
Edward Vaughn Evarts, M.D.
Loretta C. Ford, Ed.D., RN
Ohio Gov. James A. Rhodes
- 1983**
Frank J. Dixon, M.D.
Charlotte Friend, Ph.D.
Frederick C. Robbins, M.D.
- 1984**
Harold F. Falls, M.D.
F. Story Musgrave, M.D.
James B. Wyngaarden, M.D.
- 1985**
Maclyn McCarty, M.D.
Edmund D. Pellegrino, M.D.
Jonathan Evans Rhoads, M.D.
- 1986**
George Libman Engel, M.D.
Ruth L. Kirschstein, M.D.
James V. Warren, M.D.
- 1987**
U.S. Rep. Delbert Latta
Lloyd H. Smith, M.D.
Robert G. Petersdorf, M.D.
T. Franklin Williams, M.D.
- 1988**
Bernard B. Brodie, Ph.D.
Ada Sue Hinshaw, Ph.D., RN
Victor A. McKusick, M.D.
- 1989**
Ann Landers
Hans Neurath, Ph.D.
Louis W. Sullivan, M.D.
Danny Thomas
- 1990**
Robert C. Gallo, M.D.
Lewis L. Judd, M.D.
Antonia Coello Novello, M.D., M.P.H.
Arnold S. Relman, M.D.
- 1991**
Elwood V. Jensen, M.D.
Harold A. McMaster
George W. Thorn, M.D.
Rosalyn S. Yalow, Ph.D.
- 1992**
James P. Comer, M.D.
Bernadine P. Healy, M.D.
David P. Rall, M.D., Ph.D.
Ora L. Strickland, Ph.D., RN
- 1993**
Edmond H. Fischer, Ph.D.
U.S. Sen. John Glenn
Edwin G. Krebs, M.D.
- 1994**
Mary McKinney Edmonds, Ph.D., PT
Willis C. Maddrey, M.D.
Lucien E. Morris, M.D.
Wilbur H. Sawyer, M.D., Ph.D.

- 1995**
Stephen Abrahamson, Ph.D.
William F. Ganong, M.D.
George D. Lundberg, M.D.
Angela McBride, Ph.D., M.S.N., B.S.N.
- 1996**
Ashel G. Bryan
J. Warren Perry, Ph.D.
Donald W. Seldin, M.D.
- 1997**
Geraldene Felton, Ed.D., RN, FAAN
Robert Furchgott, Ph.D.
William B. Kannel, M.D.
- 1998**
John M. Fredrickson, M.D.
Jerome P. Kassirer, M.D.
George O. Ojemann, M.D.
Richard D. Ruppert, M.D.
- 1999**
Dorothy Brooten, Ph.D., RN, FAAN
George Isaac
Holmes Morton, M.D.
- 2000**
Elsa L. Brown, Ph.D., RN
Richard F. Leighton, M.D.
Robert G. Page, M.D.
- 2001**
John M. Howard, M.D.
Bernard Lown, M.D.
Beverly L. Malone, Ph.D., RN
David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D.
- 2002**
Leah Curtin, M.A., M.S., RN
Jamie Farr
Claude Lenfant, M.D.
- 2003**
U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur
Ara Parseghian
Robert W. Schrier, M.D.
- 2004**
U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye
Claude H. Organ Jr., M.D.
- 2005**
Allan Block
John Robinson Block
Patrick J. Mulrow, M.D.
- 2006**
Tim Porter-O’Grady, Ed.D, APRN, FAAN
Raymond R. Sackler, Hon KBE, M.D.
Walter B. Shelley, M.D., Ph.D., MACP
Kenneth I. Shine, M.D.
- 2007**
Darrell G. Kirch, M.D.
- 2008**
David C. Leach, M.D.
- 2009**
Bruce Edward Keogh, KBE, M.D.
- 2010**
Herbert Pardes, M.D.
Kevin B. Weiss, M.D., M.P.H.
- At UToledo Fall Commencement**
James C. Stanley, M.D.
- 2011**
Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, M.D., M.B.A.
- At the Health Science Campus Research Day**
Ferid Murad, M.D., Ph.D.
- 2012**
Jo Ivey Boufford, M.D.
Chancellor James M. Petro, J.D.
- 2013**
Thomas J. Nasca, M.D., MACP
- 2014**
James L. Madara, M.D.
U.S. Sen. Rob Portman, J.D.
- 2015**
Yvette Roubideaux, M.D., M.P.H.
- 2016**
Ret. U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen.
Susan Y. Desjardins, M.A.
- 2017**
Mehran Anvari, M.B.B.S., Ph.D.,
FRCSC, FACS
- 2018**
Josiah D. Rich, M.D., M.P.H.
- 2019**
Scott Parazynski, M.D.
- 2020**
S. Amjad Hussain, M.D., FRCSC, FACS
- 2021**
Matthew J. Hepburn, M.D.
- 2022**
Mona Hanna-Attisha, M.D., M.P.H.,
FAAP
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- 2024**
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Honorary Doctor of Science David J. Skorton, M.D.

David J. Skorton, M.D., is president and CEO of the AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges), a not-for-profit association that represents medical schools, academic health systems and teaching hospitals, and academic societies.

He began his leadership of the AAMC in July 2019 after a distinguished career in government, higher education, and medicine. Shortly after his arrival, Dr. Skorton oversaw a comprehensive strategic planning process that established a new mission and vision for the AAMC. It also introduced well-defined action plans to align the AAMC's organizational resources to tackle the most intractable challenges in health. The strategic plan guides the AAMC in leading and serving medical schools and academic health systems around the mission areas of education, clinical care, research, and community collaboration. Dr. Skorton's main focus is on improving the health of people everywhere, including access to care for all.

Prior to the AAMC, Dr. Skorton served as the 13th secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, where he oversaw 19 museums, 21 libraries, the National Zoo, and numerous research centers and education programs. Before that, he served as president of two universities: Cornell University (2006 to 2015) and the University of Iowa (2003 to 2006), where he also served on the faculty for 26 years and co-founded and co-directed the University of Iowa Adolescent and Adult Congenital Heart Disease Clinic. A pioneer of cardiac imaging and computer processing techniques, he was a contributor and editor-in-chief of a major text on cardiac imaging.

Dr. Skorton earned his B.A. from Northwestern University and his M.D. from Northwestern University School of Medicine. He completed his medical residency and fellowship in cardiology and was chief medical resident at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Order of Exercises

The University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences Commencement Friday, May 15, 2026

Presiding

Imran I. Ali, M.D.

Processional

“Pomp and Circumstance”
Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
Performed by Glass City Brass

Thaddeus Archer – Trumpet
Ric Wolkins – Trumpet
Emily Price-Dietz – French Horn
Garth Simmons – Trombone
Rob Stierman – Tuba

The Academic Procession

Jyl Matson, Ph.D.
Grand Marshal
President, College of Medicine
and Life Sciences
Faculty Council

Representatives of Colleges,
Universities, Learned Societies, and
Professional Organizations
Candidate for the Honorary Degree
of Doctor of Science

Members of the Administration
Board of Trustees

**Welcome and the Introduction
of the National Anthem**

Imran I. Ali, M.D.

Presentation of Colors

The University of Toledo Army ROTC
Rocket Battalion

National Anthem

“Star-Spangled Banner”
Francis Scott Key
Performed by Glass City Brass

**Welcome and Recognition
of Distinguished Guests**

Imran I. Ali, M.D.

University Greeting

Mitchell McKinney, Ph.D.

Alumni Association Greeting

Sharon Thomas, M.D.

**Presentation of
David J. Skorton, M.D. for the
Degree of Doctor of Science,
Honoris Causa Degree**

Imran I. Ali, M.D.

**Conferring the Honorary
Degree of Doctor of Science**

Eleanore Awadalla, D.D.S.

Awarding of the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science

Imran I. Ali, M.D. and Randall Worth, Ph.D.

Commencement Address

David J. Skorton, M.D.

Presentation of the Degree Candidates

Kandace Williams, Ph.D. and Randall Worth, Ph.D.

Conferring the Degrees and Graduate Certificates

Eleanore Awadalla, D.D.S.

Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Science

Kandace Williams, Ph.D.

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science in Biomedical Science

Kandace Williams, Ph.D.

Graduate Student Commencement Speech

Emma Elizabeth Sabu Kattuman, Ph.D.

Candidates for the Degrees of Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences

Randall Worth, Ph.D.

Candidates for the Degrees of Doctor of Medicine and Master in Business Administration

Randall Worth, Ph.D.

Candidates for the Degrees of Doctor of Medicine and Graduate Certificate in Pathology

Randall Worth, Ph.D.

Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Medicine

Randall Worth, Ph.D.

Recitation of the Physician's Oath

Rohun Vangal, M.D.

Oath of Office for Superecession Ceremony

Thomas C. Sodeman, M.D., M.S.S., Col. (Ret.)

Medical Student Commencement Speech

Ajay Nair, M.D.

Closing Remarks

Imran I. Ali, M.D.

Recessional

"Rondeau"
Jean-Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)
Performed by Glass City Brass

College of Medicine and Life Sciences

Imran I. Ali, M.D.
Dean

Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Science



Jaya Bhandari

Molecular Medicine

Advisor: Ritu Chakravarti, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Determination of the molecular basis of anti-inflammatory function of 14-3-3 ζ*



Ali S. Imami

Bioinformatics

Advisor: Robert Smith, M.D., Ph.D.

Dissertation: *A Functional Kinome Atlas of Schizophrenia*



Hema Sree Kumar

Neurosciences and Neurological Disorders

Advisor: Jasenka Zubcevic, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Functional Mapping of Serotonergic Gut-Brain Signaling in Rodents and Zebrafish*



Olalekan Olatunji

Medical Microbiology and Immunology

Advisor: Randall Worth, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *The role of Platelets in Innate Immunity*



Emma Elizabeth Sabu Kattuman

Molecular Medicine

Advisors: Sailaja Paruchuri, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Understanding the Role of Cysteine Leukotriene 1 Receptor in Melanoma Progression*



Christopher D. Vento

Bioinformatics

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Dissertation: *Assessing the Neurobiological Heterogeneity of Autism Spectrum Disorder with Machine Learning and Bioinformatics*

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Doctor of Medicine and Master of Business Administration



Ameisha Y. Tutwiler

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Sara Miriam Razoky



Elizabeth Rich



Kylie Saxton



Emma G. Scott



Emma Gabrielle Rico



Kaylee Scarnati



Jessica Layne Sedlak



Kathleen Roth



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Conor Segur



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Shiva Senthilkumar



Anish Sharma



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Hannah Starbuck



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Samuel R. Simpson



Kaelee Martenique Storey



Kirollos Tadrouse



Vincent Michael Smith



Jamison M. Stout



Riki Otto Tanaka



Kristina Elizabeth Tarter



Merina Varghese



Kristina Lynn White



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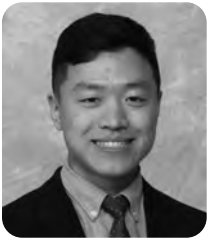
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Outstanding Graduate Student Awards

**Doctor of Medicine/Doctor of
Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences
Program Outstanding Student**

Justin Franco

**Doctor of Philosophy in
Biomedical Sciences Program
Outstanding Student**

Emma Elizabeth Sabu Kattuman

**Master of Science in Biomedical
Sciences Medical Physics Program
Outstanding Student**

JB Rudisill

**Master of Science in Biomedical
Sciences Physician Assistant
Program Outstanding Student**

Sydney Smith

**Master of Science in Biomedical
Sciences Transplantation and
Donation Sciences Program
Outstanding Student**

Emma Bonnell

**Master of Science in Biomedical
Sciences Assistant in Pathology
Program Outstanding Student**

Rebecca Martin

Medical Student Awards

Glidden L. Brooks Award

The Glidden L. Brooks Award, named in honor of the first president of the former Medical College of Ohio, is presented annually to that graduating medical student who is distinguishable by superiority in all phases of the curriculum.

Charles Adams
Anna Buchholz-Schmieder
Jacob Chinthagada
Kaitlin Cole
Summer Drees
Alan Fahoury
Patrick Gorman
Benjamin Heck
Julia Keating
Rachel Ko
Ethan Kosco
Matthew Kunas
Johnny McKeown
Anish Sharma
Juliana Simon
Riki Tanaka
Matthew Wainstein
Erica Werner

Dean's Award

The Dean's Award is awarded to that graduating medical student who, in the eyes of fellow students, shows the greatest promise as a practitioner of medicine.

Eric Lassiter

Dr. Sam Schaeffer Award

Ajay Nair

Office of Student Affairs Excellence in Career Advising Award

Sarah Bon

Lucien E. Morris, M.D. Anesthesiology Award

Shikha Lakhani

Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award

Alexander Heid

Jerri Nielsen FitzGerald, M.D. Award

Alyssa Davis

Harry E. Mayhew, M.D. Department of Family Medicine Award

Jamison Stout

Toledo/Lucas County Academy of Family Physicians Award

Kaitlin Cole

Inclusion and Opportunity Award

Vincent Smith
Noelle Thompson

American College of Physicians of Ohio Chapter Outstanding Medical Student of the Year

Johnny McKeown

George D. Ludwig, M.D. Prize in Internal Medicine

Benjamin Heck

Patrick J. Mulrow, M.D. Award in Internal Medicine

Summer Drees

Excellence in Infectious Diseases

Benjamin Heck

Excellence in Immunity

Ajay Nair

Earl H. Freimer, M.D., Ph.D. Scholarship Award

Justin Franco

Mark Rayport M.D., Ph.D. Award in Neurological Surgery

Benjamin Klein

American Academy of Neurology Medical Student Prize for Excellence in Neurology

Ahmed Khalil

Outstanding Student in Neurology Award

Matthew Kunas

Outstanding Student in Obstetrics and Gynecology Award

Tricia Aho

**Philip T. Nelsen Award of Excellence
in Ophthalmology**

Anja Rabljenovic

**Outstanding Orthopaedic
Student Award**

Matthew Folkman

**Pathology Award for
Most Outstanding Student**

Gabriel Kleer

**Marian M. Rejent, M.D. Award
in Pediatrics**

Anna Bucholz-Schmieder

**Eleanore Coghlin, M.D. Award
for Excellence in Rehabilitation
Medicine**

Erica Werner

Psychiatry Excellence Award

Emma Wolinsky

**Theodore P. and Evelyn H. Chengelis
Award in Psychiatry**

Fatima Aftab

**2026 United States Public Health
Service Excellence Award**

Alex Hasselbach

**Outstanding Student in
Radiology Award**

Sanjana Yerubandi

**Marion C. Anderson, M.D. Award
for Excellence in Surgery**

Yoon-Jung Chang

**Toledo Surgical Society Student
Recognition Award**

Brandon Mount

**Edward F. Ockuly, M.D. Student
Award in Urology**

Surina Patel

Reginald Baugh, M.D. Prize

Zialesi Win Adissem

**Department of Medical Education:
2026 M.D. Student Impact Award**

Drew Pariseau

Erica Werner

Humanism in Medicine Award

**The Leonard Tow Humanism in
Medicine Award**

The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Awards presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation are bestowed on graduating medical students and faculty members who embody outstanding humanistic traits in the delivery of care to patients and their families and in their interactions with students, faculty, and staff. The recipients are selected by the graduating class.

Nezam Altorok, M.D.

Amira Gohara, M.D.

Ethan Kosco

Julia Mumper

Distinction in Research Award

Zialesi Win Adissem

Sharad Chandra

Kelly Curcillo

Domonique DiGiacomo

Summer Drees

Katherine Esser

Matthew Folkman

Alex Hasselbach

Makoto Ibaraki

Louie Kamel-Abusalha

Ahmed Khalil

Bella Khatib-Shahidi

Benjamin Klein

Ethan Kosco

Eric Lassiter

Ajay Nair

Oscar Salichs

Elizabeth Schumacher

Anish Sharma

Juliana Simon

Noelle Thompson

Ameisha Tutwiler

Rohun Vangal

Matthew Wainstain

Emma Wolinsky

Medical Honor Societies

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society

The Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society was founded in Chicago in 1902 by medical students to formulate higher ideals of scholastic achievement and to foster the scientific and philosophical features of the medical profession. The Delta of Ohio chapter at The University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences was installed in 1974. Election to membership is extended to junior and senior medical students whose academic excellence places them in the upper sixth of their class and who show promise of leadership in medicine. Induction in the junior year is extended to the top 8% of the class.

Isaac Arefi	Matthew Golonka	Zachary Mills
Anna Buchholz-Schmieder	Patrick Gorman	Surina Patel
Sharad Chandra	Benjamin Heck	Emma Scott
Jacob Chinthagada	Taryn Hibshman	Anish Sharma
Kaitlin Cole	Julia Keating	Samuel Simpson
Sydney Davis	Reece Kendall	Hannah Starbuck
Samuel Dunseith	Benjamin Klein	Jamison Stout
Katherine Esser	Rachel Ko	Riki Tanaka
Alan Fahoury	Ethan Kosco	Kristina Tarter
Matthew Folkman	Eric Lassiter	Kristina White
	Johnny McKeown	

Gold Humanism Honor Society

The Gold Humanism Honor Society is a national honor society initiated in 2001 by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to recognize individuals who have demonstrated exemplary attitudes and behaviors characteristic of the most humanistic physicians, including integrity, excellence, compassion, altruism, respect, empathy, and service. The University of Toledo chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society was founded in 2005. The members are selected by peer nomination and endorsed by the College of Medicine and Life Sciences Senior Leadership Team.

Zialesi Win Adissem	Merrick Harris	Elizabeth Schumacher
Charles Adams	Jasmine Jones	Anish Sharma
Steuart Besly	Ahmed Khalil	Vincent Smith
Sarah Bon	Benjamin Klein	Jamison Stout
Dominique DiGiacomo	Ethan Kosco	Kirollos Tadrousse
Katherine Esser	Maya Mendonsa	Noelle Thompson
Neal Chase Farmer	Julia Mumper	Merina Varghese
Patrick Gorman	Nithara Murthy	Lisa Zhang
Safa Habib	Drew Pariseau	

Outstanding Teaching Awards

Robert T. Tidrick Golden Apple Award for Teaching Excellence in the Basic Sciences

The Robert T. Tidrick Golden Apple Awards for teaching excellence are named in honor of Dr. Tidrick, a surgeon and outstanding educator on the faculty of the former Medical College of Ohio from 1969 until his death in June 1983 at the age of 73. Faculty, both basic scientists and clinicians, are selected for the honor each year by members of the graduating class of medical students.

Kathryn Eisenmann, Ph.D.

Adel Maklad, M.D., Ph.D.

Bindu Menon, Ph.D.

Robert T. Tidrick Golden Apple Award for Teaching Excellence in the Clinical Sciences

Nezam Altorok, M.D.

Amira Gohara, M.D.

Stephanie Pannell, M.D.

Office of Student Affairs Excellence in Career Advising Faculty Award

James Van Hook, M.D.

Outstanding Resident Award

David Yatsonsky II, M.D.

Outstanding Service Awards

Outstanding Clerkship Coordinator Award

Joseph Osinski

Outstanding Student Services Staff Award

Lindsay Ferguson

Oath of Hippocrates

Upon this day of graduation, as I seek admission to the medical profession:

I do solemnly affirm, as did the ancient Greeks, by all that I hold most sacred that according to my ability and judgment I will keep this oath and its stipulations.

To hold my teachers in this art equal to my own parents and extend to them the respect and gratitude which is their due.

I will by precept, lecture and every other mode of instruction, impart a knowledge of the art to my sons and daughters and those of my teachers, and to disciples bound by covenant and oath according to the law of medicine.

I will follow that system of treatment which, according to my ability and judgment, I consider for the benefit of my patients and abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous.

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 operations for a criminal purpose nor far less suggest such thing.

With honor and dignity, I will practice my profession not permitting consideration of religion, nationality, race or social standing to intervene between duty and my patient.

Into whatsoever houses I enter, I will go for the benefit of the sick and will hold myself aloof from every voluntary act of wrongdoing or corruption.

Whatever I may see or hear in the lives of men which ought not be spoken abroad, I will not divulge, reckoning that such should be kept secret.

While I continue to keep this oath unviolated, may it be granted to me to enjoy life and the practice of the art, respected by all men in all times. But should I trespass and violate this oath, may the reverse be my lot.





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