

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL SCHOOL

OF

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER



FRIDAY, MAY 15

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MORTON H. MEYERSON SYMPHONY CENTER

DALLAS, TEXAS

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Presiding..... **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**
President, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Deans for Student Affairs

Sarah E. Baker, M.D.

Blake R. Barker, M.D.

Norberto Rodríguez-Báez, M.D.

Marshals

Kareem R. AbdelFattah, M.D.

Chadrick E. Lane, M.D.

Natalie R. Bavli, M.D.

Peter A. Michaely, Ph.D.

Bret M. Evers, M.D., Ph.D.

Mary Jane Pearson, M.D.

The audience is requested to stand as the procession enters and to remain standing for the National Anthem.

National Anthem **The Honorable Christina Melton Crain**
Regent, The University of Texas System

Opening Remarks **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**

Presentation of Ho Din Award..... **Alfreda B. Norman**
Honorary Trustee, Southwestern Medical Foundation

Conferring of Degrees **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Doctor of Medicine..... **W. P. Andrew Lee, M.D.**
*Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Dean, UT Southwestern Medical School*

The audience is requested to delay applause until all candidates have received diplomas.

Administration of Physician's Oath **Shaina M. Drummond, M.D., FASA**
Immediate Past President, Dallas County Medical Society

Commencement Address **John M. Zerwas, M.D.**
Chancellor, The University of Texas System

RECESSIONAL

The audience is requested to stand during the recessional and to remain in place until all graduates have exited.

**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MEDICINE
RESIDENCY APPOINTMENTS 2026**

Abeer Marwan Abdelrahim, *Austin, Texas*

Baylor Scott & White All Saints Medical Center Emergency Medicine

Erik Lyle Abramson, *Chicago, Illinois*

University of Chicago AdventHealth Hinsdale Family Medicine

Katalina Victoria Acevedo, *San Antonio, Texas*

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Pediatrics-Psychiatry-Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Macy Ann Afsari, *Northville, Michigan*

Graduating with Distinction in Research

University of North Carolina School of Medicine Obstetrics and Gynecology

Riya Biju Albert, *Saratoga, California*

University of Washington Internal Medicine

Emma Faye Aldred, *Leander, Texas*

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Pediatrics

Isabella Lee Alexander, *Frisco, Texas*

University of Florida College of Medicine Psychiatry

Mashal Ali, *San Antonio, Texas*

The University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio Psychiatry

Luke Alexander Altnether, *Denison, Texas*

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Internal Medicine-Preliminary

Barnes-Jewish Hospital Radiology-Diagnostic

Soumitra Anand, *Dallas, Texas*

Tulane University School of Medicine Internal Medicine

Isabela Anawate, *Beaumont, Texas*

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Obstetrics and Gynecology

Ryan Anthony Anaya, *Los Angeles, California*

Graduating with Distinction in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety

The University of Arizona College of Medicine Phoenix Family Medicine

Magdalena Teresa Anchondo, Lockhart, Texas
Graduating with Distinction in Global Health
University of California Davis Medical Center *Obstetrics and Gynecology*

Gabriel Jose Andino, Jr., The Woodlands, Texas
The University of Texas McGovern Medical School *Urology*

McNeilly Katherine Arias, San Antonio, Texas
John Peter Smith Hospital *Family Medicine*

Sarah Attia, Houston, Texas
HCA Medical City Healthcare *Transitional Year*
Stanford Health Care *Radiology-Diagnostic*

Madeleine Rachel Ausburn, San Antonio, Texas
Massachusetts General Hospital *Anesthesiology*

Margaret Sedell Baldwin, Westborough, Massachusetts
Graduating with Distinction in Global Health
Brown University The Warren Alpert Medical School *Emergency Medicine*

Harshitha Balla, Austin, Texas
Emory University School of Medicine *Internal Medicine*

Emily Binshtok Ballard, Overland Park, Kansas
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center *Pathology*

Mikaela Elizabeth Bankston, The Woodlands, Texas
University of Colorado School of Medicine *Orthopaedic Surgery*

Tyler Newsome Bates, Elliott, Texas
Texas A&M University Naresh K. Vashisht College of Medicine *Family Medicine*

Amanda Benavides, Eagle Pass, Texas
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso *Obstetrics and Gynecology*

Brooke Peyton Benjamin, Dallas, Texas
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center *Child Neurology*

Sanjna Anil Bhatia, Plano, Texas
Boston Children's Hospital *Pediatrics*

Jose Francisco Calva Moreno, Mexico City, Mexico
Yale School of Medicine *Anesthesiology*

David Wang Cao, Houston, Texas

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Internal Medicine

Matthew John Carey, Little Rock, Arkansas

The University of Texas McGovern Medical School Emergency Medicine

Sydney Lee Carter-Santos, Denton, Texas

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Child Neurology

Juan Reyes Castellanos, Jr., Harlingen, Texas

University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School Internal Medicine-Pediatrics

Matthew Joseph Cenci, Shelton, Connecticut

Tufts Medical Center Internal Medicine

Peter Yih-Wah Chan, Florham Park, New Jersey

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Surgery

Hannah Rose Chang, College Station, Texas

*Baylor Scott & White All Saints Medical Center Transitional Year
Stanford Health Care Dermatology*

Emilia Raquel Chapa, Fort Worth, Texas

Scripps Health Mercy Hospital Chula Vista Family Medicine

Hunter Cheng, Houston, Texas

Duke University Medical Center Anesthesiology

Samantha Lauren Cheng, Allen, Texas

University of California Los Angeles Medical Center Internal Medicine

Beth Anne Childs, College Station, Texas

*Graduating with Distinction in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Internal Medicine-Preliminary
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Dermatology*

Jae Hyun Choi, Carrollton, Texas

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Internal Medicine

Abigail Brianna Clark, Southaven, Mississippi

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Obstetrics and Gynecology

Luke Philip Coffman, Jackson, Tennessee

Graduating with Distinction in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety
University of Colorado School of Medicine Internal Medicine-Pediatrics

Alejandro Conde, Harlingen, Texas

The University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio Anesthesiology

Leilani Ivette Conklin, Dallas, Texas

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Internal Medicine

Garrett Cooper Croley, Lufkin, Texas

Case Western Reserve University Hospitals Orthopaedic Surgery

Lister DeBinya, Houston, Texas

Lone Star Family Health Center Conroe Family Medicine

Alice Zhao DeWalt, Plano, Texas

Graduating with Distinction in Research
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Obstetrics and Gynecology

Kiersten Lynn Diercks, Dallas, Texas

Graduating with Distinction in Research
University of Cincinnati Medical Center Emergency Medicine

Emily Morgan Duhon, Kingwood, Texas

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Evie Yehudit Dunsky, Dallas, Texas

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Internal Medicine-Preliminary
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Radiology-Diagnostic

Munevver Nur Duran, Houston, Texas

RWJBarnabas Health Community Medical Center Transitional Year
Boston University Medical Center Radiology-Diagnostic

George Jensen Elmquist, Southlake, Texas

Graduating with Distinction in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Emergency Medicine

Koshma Eswaramoorthy, Coimbatore, India

Graduating with Distinction in Global Health
Tulane University School of Medicine Psychiatry

Kevin William Etter, Newport Beach, California
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Pediatrics-Psychiatry-Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Chibundum Ezenwukwa, Sugar Land, Texas
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center *Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*

Ebuka Callistus Eziama, Umuaka, Nigeria
Graduating with Distinction in Research
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center *Anesthesiology*

Christopher Michael Fan, Corpus Christi, Texas
Graduating with Distinction in Research
HCA Medical City Healthcare *Transitional Year*
University of Colorado School of Medicine *Interventional Radiology*

Grant Herbert Flindt, Sammamish, Washington
Graduating with Distinction in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety
Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science *Internal Medicine*

Corbin Reese Foster, Newton, Texas
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center *Internal Medicine*

Gabrielle Emilia Gard, Dallas, Texas
Graduating with Distinction in Research
Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas *Internal Medicine-Preliminary*
Mass General Brigham *Radiation Oncology*

Evan Patrick Gee, Snohomish, Washington
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center *Surgery*

Banahene Kwabena Glover, Arlington, Texas
Alternative Career Path

Alex Wilson Goff, Denton, Texas
Duke University Medical Center *Orthopaedic Surgery*

Emily Beth Goff, Denton, Texas
Nationwide Children's Hospital *Pediatrics*

Roberto Gonzalez, Waxahachie, Texas
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center *Pediatrics*

Felipe Gonzalez Gutierrez, Waxahachie, Texas
University of California Los Angeles Medical Center Internal Medicine

Kaylee Nicole Grant, Keller, Texas
Duke University Medical Center Anesthesiology

Alyssa Layne Gregory, Lubbock, Texas
Baylor College of Medicine Pediatrics

Cheyenne Alanah Grubbs, Gladewater, Texas
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Psychiatry

Leslie Guerrero, Lufkin, Texas
Baylor College of Medicine Neurology

Nikita Sahiti Guntu, Dallas, Texas
Texas A&M University Naresh K. Vashisht College of Medicine Psychiatry

Jason Guo, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
The Johns Hopkins Hospital Surgery

Anoop Gurram, Richardson, Texas
Graduating with Distinction in Research
NYU Grossman School Of Medicine Internal Medicine

Tanya Azenette Gurrola-Rodriguez, Fort Worth, Texas
Graduating with Distinction in Global Health
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Family Medicine

Sergio Jasael Gutierrez, Jalostotitlan, Jalisco, Mexico
Lone Star Family Health Center Conroe Family Medicine

Zuhair Zafir Hawa, Leawood, Kansas
Graduating with Distinction in Research
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Neurological Surgery

Angela Sol He, Plano, Texas
HCA Medical City Healthcare Transitional Year
University of California San Francisco Medical Center Radiology-Diagnostic

Adreanna Breann Hernandez, Belton, Texas
Indiana University School of Medicine Obstetrics and Gynecology

Jennie Alicea Hocking, *Glendale, Kansas*
The University of Alabama Hospital Anesthesiology

Mia Elizabeth Hofstad-Feist, *New Braunfels, Texas*
Duke University Medical Center Internal Medicine

Billal Homayoun, *Plano, Texas*
Baylor University Medical Center Internal Medicine

Camsy Yanru Huang, *San Antonio, Texas*
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Ophthalmology

Madysen Katherine Hunter, *Southlake, Texas*
John Peter Smith Hospital Transitional Year
University of Iowa Health Care Medical Center Dermatology

Victor Alex Iancu, *Chicago, Illinois*
University of Colorado School of Medicine Anesthesiology

Ifeanyi Chidera Ibezue, *Southlake, Texas*
Baylor College of Medicine Urology

Tanvi Ajay Ingle, *Austin, Texas*
Graduating with Distinction in Research
Stanford Health Care Internal Medicine

Niyenth Krishna Iyengar, *Plano, Texas*
NYU Grossman School Of Medicine Internal Medicine-Preliminary
NYU Grossman School Of Medicine Neurology

Abigail Hope Jenkins, *Frisco, Texas*
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center Surgery

Sophie Nicole Jerwick, *Leawood, Kansas*
Boston University Medical Center Obstetrics and Gynecology

Adriana Almeida Johnson, *West Palm Beach, Florida*
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Pediatrics

Cameron Christopher Johnson, *Spring, Texas*
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Shravya Kakulammarri, Seattle, Washington
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University of California San Francisco Medical Center Orthopaedic Surgery

Rohini Kallianpur, Carrollton, Texas
University of Washington Psychiatry

Ezinwa Eden Kalunta-Crumpton, Sugar Land, Texas
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The University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio Surgery

Rohit Kamath, Katy, Texas
The University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio Psychiatry

William Zach Kariampuzha, Tyler, Texas
Stanford Health Care Surgery-Preliminary
University of Miami Jackson Health System Interventional Radiology

Kanoa Danbi Kelly, Austin, Texas
Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center Family Medicine

Caroline Grace Kernell, Houston, Texas
Graduating with Distinction in Global Health
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Radiation Oncology

Marium Khan, Islamabad, Pakistan
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Internal Medicine

Mohammad Bilal Khan, Spring, Texas
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Psychiatry

Asad Imran Khawaja, Coppell, Texas
University of Illinois College of Medicine Anesthesiology

Naveed Nasrullah Khimani, Little Rock, Arkansas
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Internal Medicine

Lauren Jihyun Kim, Plano, Texas
Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell Plastic Surgery

Elizabeth Maria Kind, Round Rock, Texas
West Virginia University School of Medicine Psychiatry

Kennady Noelle Knox, *Rockwall, Texas*
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Pediatrics

Anuhya Sai Kotta, *Plano, Texas*
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Neurology

Alexander Parker Kowalske, *Dallas, Texas*
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Priya Kumar, *Katy, Texas*
Kaiser Permanente Oakland Medical Center Pediatrics

Bretton Paul Laboret, *Lucas, Texas*
University of North Carolina School of Medicine Surgery

Thao Thanh Lam, *Houston, Texas*
Baylor Scott & White All Saints Medical Center Transitional Year
Medical College of Wisconsin Dermatology

Jessica Dong Eun Lee, *Houston, Texas*
Baylor College of Medicine Surgery

Matthew Thomas Lee, *Dallas, Texas*
Baylor College of Medicine Internal Medicine

Michael Lee, Jr., *Dallas, Texas*
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Internal Medicine

Vicky Li, *Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*
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William Lowell Little, *Fort Worth, Texas*
The University of Alabama Hospital Anesthesiology

Haley Ashton Loan, *Austin, Texas*
Vanderbilt University Medical Center Surgery

Roman Fairbairn Loper, *McKinney, Texas*
Yale School of Medicine Internal Medicine

Fredy Rene Lopez-Durante, *Cedar Park, Texas*
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Internal Medicine

Alyssa Suyin Low, *McKinney, Texas*

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Ophthalmology

Grace Lu, *Houston, Texas*

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The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Dermatology

Tammy Tram Ly, *Dallas, Texas*

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Emergency Medicine

Surabhi Reddy Madadi, *San Jose, California*

University of Washington Pediatrics

Shirley Marino Lee, *The Woodlands, Texas*

Tufts Medical Center Psychiatry

Madeleine Claire Marlar-Pavey, *San Antonio, Texas*

University of Michigan Medical School Neurology

Conchita Martin De Bustamante, *Madrid, Spain*

Children's Hospital Los Angeles Pediatrics

Austin David Matheis, *Louisville, Kentucky*

Stanford Health Care Psychiatry

Vivek Mathesh, *Plano, Texas*

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Internal Medicine

Megan Elizabeth McArthur, *Collierville, Tennessee*

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Emergency Medicine

Jaidah Denise McCallon, *Frisco, Texas*

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Pediatrics

Ian Robert McConnell, *Seattle, Washington*

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Internal Medicine

Michael Ryan McConville, *Butler, New Jersey*

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Internal Medicine

Margaret M. McGurn, *Madison, New Jersey*

University of California Los Angeles Medical Center Internal Medicine

Christopher Scott McLeod, San Antonio, Texas

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Enzo Chavez Mesarick, Shamong, New Jersey

The University of Chicago Medical Center Surgery-Preliminary

The University of Chicago Medical Center Interventional Radiology

Austin Jacob Miller, Decatur, Illinois

John Peter Smith Hospital Family Medicine

Ellis Wren Miller, Dallas, Texas

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Obstetrics and Gynecology

Dalia Nicole Mitchell, Dallas, Texas

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Radiation Oncology

Mehul Manoj Mittal, Ashburn, Virginia

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Orthopaedic Surgery

Afza Lorene Mohammed, Irving, Texas

Henry Ford Health Radiology-Diagnostic

Navnit Mohan, Plano, Texas

Baylor College of Medicine Cullen Eye Institute Ophthalmology

Anna Cabungcal Moriarty, Coppell, Texas

Swedish Medical Center Family Medicine

Amy Wendy Mu, Alpharetta, Georgia

University of California San Francisco Medical Center Internal Medicine

Varsha Mullangi, Houston, Texas

Baylor College of Medicine Pediatrics

Jake Frederick Munch, San Diego, California

Graduating with Distinction in Research

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Internal Medicine

Vatsala Mundra, Houston, Texas

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Urology

Moiz Munir, O'Fallon, Missouri

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Internal Medicine

Guransh Singh Nanda, *Plano, Texas*

University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics Psychiatry

Moises Alexander Narvaez, *Dallas, Texas*

University of California Riverside School of Medicine Internal Medicine-Preliminary
Jefferson Einstein Philadelphia Hospital Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Alejandra Yasmin Nava Garcia, *Dallas, Texas*

The University of Texas Medical Branch Obstetrics and Gynecology

Carlos Enrique Navarrete-Torres, *Magnolia, Texas*

Naval Medical Center - San Diego Internal Medicine-Preliminary

Tuong-Vi Cindy Ngo, *Richardson, Texas*

Graduating with Distinction in Research

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Plastic Surgery

Michelle Minh Xuan Nguyen, *Houston, Texas*

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Family Medicine

Ryan Manh Nguyen, *Mercer Island, Washington*

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Amor Nikšić, *Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina*

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Otolaryngology

Matthew Wonshik Oh, *Los Angeles, California*

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Anesthesiology

Adurape Ayomide Osunjimi, *Lancaster, Texas*

Graduating with Distinction in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Internal Medicine

Sara Borbala Papp, *Budapest, Hungary*

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Anesthesiology

Gina Jiyeon Park, *Seoul, South Korea*

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Internal Medicine

Kishan Pritesh Patel, *Flower Mound, Texas*

Graduating with Distinction in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Anesthesiology

Nakulkumar Patel, Lewisville, Texas

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Shruti Patil, Austin, Texas

*Graduating with Distinction in Community Health
Loyola University Medical Center Psychiatry*

Eryn Anne Patin, Dallas, Texas

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas Internal Medicine-Preliminary

Kiarash Payani, Los Angeles, California

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Emily Kathleen Pepperl, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science Anesthesiology

Veena Sai Peraka, Plano, Texas

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NYU Grossman School Of Medicine Radiology-Diagnostic*

Victoria Faith Peters, Houston, Texas

Barnes-Jewish Hospital Plastic Surgery

Nhi Xuan Pham, Carrollton, Texas

Indiana University School of Medicine Neurology

Julia Dan-Thanh Phan, Anaheim, California

Yale School of Medicine Internal Medicine

Hande C. Piristine, Istanbul, Turkey

Barnes-Jewish Hospital Pathology

Michael Andrew Pitonak, Tyler, Texas

Duke University Medical Center Internal Medicine

Benjamin Bronislav Popokh, Plano, Texas

John Peter Smith Hospital Family Medicine

Rithika Prakash, Austin, Texas

Emory University School of Medicine Emergency Medicine

Alexius Alise Pratt, Fort Worth, Texas

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Pediatrics

Srinivasanagasaitarun Pulipaka, Frisco, Texas

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center *Neurology*

Brianna Renee Ramirez, El Paso, Texas

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso *Psychiatry*

Bilal Rehman, Grand Prairie, Texas

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center *Psychiatry*

Tanya Rachelle Reyna, Edinburg, Texas

Graduating with Distinction in Global Health

Cooper Medical School of Rowan University *Internal Medicine*

Austin Rios, Dallas, Texas

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center *Internal Medicine-Preliminary*

Courtney Nemecia Roberts, Dallas, Texas

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center *Internal Medicine*

Nolan Spencer Roberts, Dallas, Texas

The University of Alabama Hospital *Anesthesiology*

Karim Salhadar, Brownsville, Texas

Baylor University Medical Center *Radiology-Diagnostic*

Kevin Robert Salinas, Brownsville, Texas

Duke University Medical Center *Internal Medicine-Psychiatry*

Emily Sarah Samson, Frisco, Texas

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center *Internal Medicine*

Neha Sangana, Austin, Texas

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center *Surgery-Preliminary*

Roslyn Juliette Saplicki, Dallas, Texas

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center *Internal Medicine*

Priya Sarlashkar, San Antonio, Texas

New York Presbyterian Columbia University Medical Center *Internal Medicine*

Faiza Fayyaz Sarwar, Houston, Texas

Graduating with Distinction in Research

The University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio *Internal Medicine*

Angelo Joseph Scanio, *Spring, Texas*

San Antonio Uniformed Services Education Consortium Radiology-Diagnostic

Manuel Alejandro Serna Castillon, *El Paso, Texas*

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso Family Medicine

Prajwal Nagaraj Sharma, *Austin, Texas*

HCA Medical City Healthcare Internal Medicine

Rahul Sharma, *Edinburg, Texas*

The University of Texas at Austin Dell Med School Internal Medicine

Hannah Victoria Sheard, *Hallsville, Texas*

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Child Neurology

Madison Grace Sheldon, *Burleson, Texas*

John Peter Smith Hospital Transitional Year

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Interventional Radiology

Samuel Douglas Sheldon, *Lake Jackson, Texas*

Baylor College of Medicine Internal Medicine-Preliminary

Abirami Sivatharman, *Dallas, Texas*

Baylor University Medical Center Neurology

Kimberly Rose Sladek, *Austin, Texas*

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Loyola University Medical Center Obstetrics and Gynecology

Parker David Smith, *College Station, Texas*

Emory University School of Medicine Surgery

Flávia Regina Soares Fernandes, *São Paulo, Brasil*

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Family Medicine

Medha Somisetty, *Flower Mound, Texas*

Scripps Health Green Hospital Internal Medicine

Tidie Song, *Houston, Texas*

University of Maryland Medical Center Internal Medicine-Preliminary

The Johns Hopkins Hospital Radiation Oncology

Meera Sooda, *Corpus Christi, Texas*

NYU Grossman School Of Medicine Internal Medicine

Wyatt James Spresser, Monument, Colorado

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Srivats Srinivasan, Sugar Land, Texas

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Inova Fairfax Medical Campus Neurological Surgery

Helen Ann Stephens, San Antonio, Texas

The University of Alabama Hospital Internal Medicine

Alex Carl Sternisha, Gowanda, New York

University of Michigan Medical School Internal Medicine

Rhea Sudhakaran, Spring, Texas

George Washington University Internal Medicine

Ally Jiaying Sun, Houston, Texas

Montefiore-Albert Einstein College of Medicine Ophthalmology

Yukta Sri Sunkara, Irving, Texas

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Internal Medicine

Evan Spencer Suzman, Scarsdale, New York

New York Presbyterian Weill Cornell Medical Center Urology

Amal Fatima Syed, Plano, Texas

Graduating with Distinction in Community Health

Baylor College of Medicine Pediatrics

Shoaib Syed, Allen, Texas

Henry Ford Health Psychiatry

Phillip Alberto Taboada, Brownsville, Texas

The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Urology

Armando Tellez Vazquez, Dallas, Texas

The University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio Family Medicine

Peyton Elizabeth Tempel, Fort Worth, Texas

Research Year

Zachary Osaretin Thomas, Houston, Texas

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Internal Medicine-Preliminary

University of California San Francisco Medical Center Dermatology

Persephone Jingyan Tian, Austin, Texas

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The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Obstetrics and Gynecology

Zehra Tombul, Austin, Texas

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Anesthesiology

Ahmet Celal Toprak, Istanbul, Turkey

Graduating with Distinction in Research

Advent Health Surgery

Holli Marie Townsend, Lantana, Texas

Northwestern University Laurie Children's Hospital Pediatrics

Daniel Emil Trautmann, Prosper, Texas

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Otolaryngology

Grant Mallory Tucker, Dallas, Texas

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Internal Medicine

Anney Hancy Tuo, San Jose, California

University of California San Diego Medical Center Internal Medicine

Alexander Turner, Houston, Texas

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Anesthesiology

Megan Harper Ungerman, Dallas, Texas

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Psychiatry

Ruta Sachin Uttarkar, Plano, Texas

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The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Psychiatry-Neurology

Laura Cristina Vargas Ortiz, Flower Mound, Texas

The University of Texas at Austin Dell Med School Emergency Medicine

Natalie Anne Velez, San Antonio, Texas

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas Internal Medicine-Preliminary

NYU Grossman School Of Medicine Radiology-Diagnostic

Daniel Villarreal Acha, Apodaca, Nuevo Leon, Mexico

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Surgery-Preliminary

Margaret Xuan-Ngoc Vo, *Mansfield, Texas*
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Internal Medicine

Shyamal Parthiv Waghwala, *Houston, Texas*
University of Washington Pediatrics

Audrey Love Watts, *Houston, Texas*
University of Washington Boise Psychiatry

Julia Higgins Wool, *San Antonio, Texas*
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Pediatrics

Jayson Kole Workman, *Glendale, Arizona*
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Alexander Ming Wu, *Dallas, Texas*
Northwestern University McGaw Medical Center Dermatology-Internal Medicine

James Shicong Ye, *Plano, Texas*
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Internal Medicine

Zuhair Ahmed Zaidi, *Dallas, Texas*
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Ophthalmology

Lucas Ignacio Zeida Haar, *Frisco, Texas*
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Surgery

Christine Hong Zhang, *Sugar Land, Texas*
Children's Hospital Los Angeles Pediatrics

Alea Iris Zone, *New Orleans, Louisiana*
University of Utah Health Urology

Michael Daniel Zuazua, *San Antonio, Texas*
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Internal Medicine

CANDIDATES FOR DUAL DEGREES

Perot Family Scholars Medical Scientist Training Program

The Medical Scientist Training Program is a program leading to both the Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. The University is pleased to note this significant achievement.

Emily Binshtok Ballard	Moiz Munir
Jose Francisco Calva Moreno	Gina Jiyeon Park
Mia Elizabeth Hofstad-Feist	Julia Dan-Thanh Phan
Kennady Noelle Knox	Hande C. Pirstine
Michael Lee, Jr.	Brianna Renee Ramirez
Vicky Li	Alex Carl Sternisha
Madeleine Claire Marlar-Pavey	James Shicong Ye
Michael Ryan McConville	

Doctor of Medicine/Master of Public Health

The Doctor of Medicine/Master of Public Health dual degree is a collaborative program between UT Southwestern Medical School and UT Health School of Public Health.

Riya Biju Albert	Dalia Nicole Mitchell
Sydney Lee Carter-Santos	Sumin Son
Samantha Lauren Cheng	Persephone Jingyan Tian
Mohammad Bilal Khan	Ruta Sachin Uttarkar
Surabhi Reddy Madadi	Alea Iris Zone
Megan Elizabeth McArthur	

THE PHYSICIAN'S OATH

I pledge the following as an expression of the spirit in which I will strive to practice medicine:

To promote health and to relieve suffering in both the living and the dying.

To approach all my patients with integrity, candor, empathy, and respect.

To honor the confidences entrusted to me.

To be a student and a teacher always and to remain conscious of my limitations.

To place the welfare of the patients above personal gain and to protect patients from improper care.

To respond always in an emergency.

To improve health care for the underserved and to work to change those conditions in society that threaten the health of the community.

To withdraw from active practice when I am no longer capable of fulfilling these pledges.

To keep the promise of Hippocrates: "Above all, do no harm."

I make these pledges solemnly, freely, and upon my honor.

THE HO DIN AWARD

On May 5, 1943, the trustees of the Southwestern Medical Foundation authorized the establishment of an award to symbolize the fundamental concept on which the medical college was based. The award is the Ho Din, which signifies human understanding and medical wisdom and constitutes the highest honor that the Foundation can bestow.

Hannah Rose Chang

Hannah graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. At UT Southwestern, she has maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA and achieved an outstanding USMLE Step 2 score. In recognition of her scholastic achievement and leadership, she was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society as a junior medical student. Her academic excellence is complemented by a deep intellectual curiosity and genuine humanism that consistently elevates any team she joins.

At the Agape Dermatology Free Clinic, she managed teams of medical students, residents, and faculty; developed clinical protocols; and helped launch a tele-dermatology initiative to expand access for underserved populations. In the Patient Navigator Program, she volunteered to assist individuals experiencing homelessness in securing identification, enrolling in Medicaid, and utilizing mental health resources. She was awarded the UT Southwestern Presidential Volunteer Service Award in 2023 (Silver) and 2024 (Bronze). While working with the Vulvar Dermatoses Research Consortium, she developed and managed a database for multi-institutional collaboration and organized programming at the American Academy of Dermatology. Hannah also served as co-president of UT Southwestern Heartstrings Orchestra, coordinating multiple monthly performances that brought music and solace to patients in psychiatric facilities.

Hannah's clinical performance has been exceptional across every clerkship. She was described by faculty as "functioning at the level of a sub-intern or early intern." Faculty consistently highlighted Hannah's ability to synthesize complex data into cogent assessments, generate thoughtful differentials that included "can't-miss" diagnoses, and propose evidence-based management plans. She approached patients with humility, warmth, and respect; transforming difficult encounters into therapeutic alliances, discussing sensitive topics with clarity and compassion, and demonstrating an unwavering advocacy for patients' expressed wishes. Her peers also recognized these qualities by nominating and selecting her for the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

Hannah's scholarly productivity is extraordinary, and she has authored or co-authored 15 peer-reviewed publications. Her research spans pediatric dermatology, vulvar dermatology, patient-reported outcomes, and health equity initiatives. She contributed to over 25 oral and poster presentations at national meetings. As a Fellow for the Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance, she has supported national educational initiatives and secured the organization's competitive Emerging Investigator Research Grant. Her scholarship is rigorous, collaborative, and patient-centered, advancing knowledge while improving patient care.

The Ho Din Award honors a senior medical student who exemplifies "the unique personal qualities embodied in all great physicians – knowledge, understanding, and, most of all, compassion." Hannah Chang exemplifies each of these qualities; she listens first, reasons carefully, and acts with compassion. She is precisely the physician we would entrust with the care of our own families and the colleague we would hope to have beside us in the most challenging cases. Hannah has matched to Stanford Health Care where she will begin her training in Dermatology.

HONORS AND RECOGNITION RECEIVED BY MEDICAL SCHOOL GRADUATES

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society

Macy Ann Afsari	Angela Sol He*	Emily Sarah Samson*
Luke Alexander Altnether	Tanvi Ajay Ingle	Madison Grace Sheldon
Madeleine Rachel Ausburn	Niyenth Krishna Iyengar*	Parker David Smith*
Margaret Sedell Baldwin*	Kanoa Danbi Kelly	Alex Carl Sternisha*
Sanjna Anil Bhatia	Caroline Grace Kernell	Ally Jiaying Sun*
David Wang Cao	Mohammad Bilal Khan*	Yukta Sri Sunkara
Peter Yih-Wah Chan*	Anuhya Sai Kotta*	Holli Marie Townsend*
Hannah Rose Chang*	Grace Lu	Daniel Emil Trautmann
Beth Anne Childs	Madeleine Claire Marlar-Pavey	Grant Mallory Tucker*
Abigail Brianna Clark*	Austin David Matheis	Anney Hancy Tuo*
Luke Philip Coffman*	Mehul Manoj Mittal*	Megan Harper Ungerman
Christopher Michael Fan*	Amy Wendy Mu*	Alexander Ming Wu
Grant Herbert Flindt	Sara Borbala Papp*	Zuhair Ahmed Zaidi
Gabrielle Emilia Gard*	Emily Kathleen Pepperl	Lucas Ignacio Zeida Haar
Kaylee Nicole Grant	Veena Sai Peraka	Alea Iris Zone*
Jason Guo*	Michael Andrew Pitonak*	
Zuhair Zafir Hawa	Nolan Spencer Roberts*	

**denotes junior AOA*

Gold Humanism Honor Society

Abeer Marwan Abdelrahim	Caroline Grace Kernell
Katalina Victoria Acevedo	Mohammad Bilal Khan
Riya Biju Albert	Conchita Martin De Bustamante
Emma Faye Aldred	Ian Robert McConnell
Isabela Anawate	Mehul Manoj Mittal
Ryan Anthony Anaya	Navnit Mohan
McNeilly Katherine Arias	Jake Frederick Munch
Sanjna Anil Bhatia	Tuong-Vi Cindy Ngo
Sydney Lee Carter-Santos	Michelle Minh Xuan Nguyen
Juan Reyes Castellanos, Jr.	Adurape Ayomide Osunjimi
Hannah Rose Chang	Michael Andrew Pitonak
Emilia Raquel Chapa	Bilal Rehman
Kiersten Lynn Diercks	Faiza Fayyaz Sarwar
Munevver Nur Duran	Yukta Sri Sunkara
Grant Herbert Flindt	Amal Fatima Syed
Gabrielle Emilia Gard	Peyton Elizabeth Tempel
Emily Beth Goff	Daniel Emil Trautmann
Cheyenne Alanah Grubbs	Megan Harper Ungerman
Angela Sol He	Margaret Xuan-Ngoc Vo

UT Southwestern Medical Center Departmental Awards

American Academy of Neurology Medical Student Prize for Excellence in Neurology
Madeleine Claire Marlar-Pavey

Annelle M. Ahmed, M.D., Women's Health Care Award
Alice Zhao DeWalt

Award for Excellence in Dermatology
Beth Anne Childs

Excellence in Plastic Surgery Award
Tuong-Vi Cindy Ngo

Eliot Goldings Award in Rheumatology
Roman Fairbairn Loper

Murray Gordon, M.D., Excellence Award in Radiology
Angela Sol He

Hemphill-Gojer Award in Internal Medicine
Tanvi Ajay Ingle
Priya Sarlashkar
Yukta Sri Sunkara

Hudson-Penn Award For Excellence in Surgery
Parker David Smith

Iatros Award
This award recognizes an outstanding medical student selected by the graduating class.
Bilal Rehman

M. T. "Pepper" Jenkins, M.D., Outstanding Medical Student Award in Anesthesiology and Pain Management
Kaylee Nicole Grant

Minnie Lancaster, M.D., Scholarship Award in Family Medicine
McNeilly Katherine Arias

Karen Kowalske Outstanding PM&R Undergraduate Award
Christopher Scott McLeod

John D. McConnell Award for Excellence in Urology
Vatsala Mundra

North Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians Award for Outstanding Medical Student in Psychiatry

Cheyenne Alanah Grubbs

Pediatric Society of Greater Dallas Award for Excellence in Pediatric Medicine

Sanjna Anil Bhatia

Rolland C. Reynolds Pathology Award

Hannah Rose Chang

Caroline Grace Kernell

Mohammad Bilal Khan

William F. Ross, M.D., Scholarship Award in Family Medicine

Emilia Raquel Chapa

Kanoa Danbi Kelly

Herbert S. Salomon, M.D., Class of 1967, Memorial Award

Grant Mallory Tucker

Dr. Richard Mays Smith Award

Corbin Reese Foster

Felipe Gonzalez Gutierrez

Marium Khan

Margaret Xuan-Ngoc Vo

Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Award

Kiersten Lynn Diercks

Vernie A. Stembidge Scholarship Award in Pathology

Emily Binshtok Ballard

Hande C. Pirstine

Lorraine Sulkin-Schein Medical Student Award in Geriatric Medicine

Grant Herbert Flindt

Texas Academy of Family Physicians Dallas Chapter Outstanding Graduate Award

Benjamin Bronislav Popokh

Texas College of Emergency Physicians Award

George Jensen Elmquist

United States Public Health Service Physician Professional Advisory Committee 2026 Excellence in Public Health Award

Persephone Jingyan Tian

Vanatta, Hesser, Schmalsteig Excellence in Tutoring Award
Luke Philip Coffman
Alyssa Layne Gregory

Kurt Ian Wey, M.D., Senior Pediatric Award
Amal Fatima Syed

Southwestern Medical Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Stuart and Jan Hart Black Scholarship

Matthew Joseph Cenci

Jake Frederick Munch

Robert Erik Boehning Scholarship

Macy Ann Afsari

Conchita Martin De Bustamante

Dr. E. H. Cary Scholarship

Cheyenne Alanah Grubbs

Harvey and Henrietta Cragon Scholarship

Austin Rios

Dorothy R. Cullum Scholarship

Magdalena Teresa Anchondo

Collene C. and Donald F. Goldman Scholarship

Grant Mallory Tucker

David Crockett Harper, M.D., Scholarship

Amy Wendy Mu

Charlyne & Bill Henslee Scholarship

Ian Robert McConnell

Morning Star Family Foundation Scholarship

Magdalena Teresa Anchondo

Jae Hyun Choi

Shirley P. Pollock Scholarship

Conchita Martin De Bustamante

Emily Kathleen Pepperl

Psi Chapter of Theta Kappa Psi Scholarship

Amy Wendy Mu

Linda and Joel Robuck Family Scholarship

Magdalena Teresa Anchondo

Alea Iris Zone

Ralph B. Rogers Scholarship

Dev S. Banerji

Jay Simmons Scholarship

Roberto Gonzalez
Felipe Gonzalez Gutierrez
Sergio Jasael Gutierrez

J. W. Simmons Scholarship

Conchita Martin De Bustamante

Dr. Walter N. Skinner Scholarship

Margaret Sedell Baldwin
Conchita Martin De Bustamante

Marvin and Kathleen Stone Scholarship

Magdalena Teresa Anchondo
Anney Hancy Tuo

R. L. Tayloe Scholarship

Conchita Martin De Bustamante

John M. Thomas, M.D., Scholarship

Austin David Matheis

UT Southwestern Medical School Scholars

Matthew Joseph Cenci
Jake Frederick Munch

Evelyn M. Whitman Scholarship

Magdalena Teresa Anchondo
Corbin Reese Foster

Paul Wikholm Memorial Scholarship

Abigail Brianna Clark

Dr. Bryan Williams Medical Student Scholarship

Cheyenne Alanah Grubbs
Jennie Alicea Hocking
Bretton Paul Laboret
Alexius Alise Pratt
Priya Sarlashkar

UT Southwestern Medical Center Scholarship Recipients

Laurence Baker Memorial Scholarship

Evan Spencer Suzman

Belkin Scholarship

Tammy Tram Ly

Austin David Matheis

Afza Lorene Mohammed

Nakulkumar Patel

Dr. Deidi Strickland Bergestuen Class of 1994 Scholarship

Afza Lorene Mohammed

William F. & Peggy W. Bockhoff Scholarship

Benjamin Bronislav Popokh

Bernard H. Chaiken, M.D., Medical Student Scholarship

Abigail Brianna Clark

Frances Evans Chubb Scholarship

Elizabeth Maria Kind

Class of 1955 Scholarship

Fredy Rene Lopez-Durante

Class of 1993 Medical School Scholarship

Margaret Sedell Baldwin

Suzanne LeBel Corrigan, M.D., Memorial Scholarship

Sanjna Anil Bhatia

Varsha Mullangi

Miles W. Davis, M.D., Scholarship

Austin David Matheis

John A. DeKrey, M.D., Scholarship

Kevin William Etter

Shruti Patil

Evan Spencer Suzman

Edmund Eickenroht Scholarship

Navnit Mohan

Founders Day Medical School Scholarship

Nakulkumar Patel

Alexander Turner

Bill Hauser, M.D., Scholarship

Grant Herbert Flindt
Jason Guo
Surabhi Reddy Madadi

Clarence Thomas Hill, Jr., M.D., Scholarship

Conchita Martin De Bustamante

Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarship

Dalia Nicole Mitchell
Benjamin Bronislav Popokh
Austin Rios

Minnie L. Maffett Scholarship

Fredy Rene Lopez-Durante
Tammy Tram Ly
Austin David Matheis

Philip O'Bryan Montgomery, Jr., M.D., Medical Student Scholarship

Macy Ann Afsari

Sjoerd Steunebrink Scholarship

Fredy Rene Lopez-Durante
Tammy Tram Ly

Daniel Stroud Scholarship

Soumitra Anand

Catherine B. Taylor Scholarship in Gastroenterology

Grant Herbert Flindt

Texas Indo-American Physicians Society (Northeast Chapter)

Michael Andrew Pitonak

UT Southwestern Medical School Scholarship

Gabriel Jose Andino, Jr.	Jaidah Denise McCallon
Alejandro Conde	Dalia Nicole Mitchell
Alice Zhao DeWalt	Alejandra Yasmin Nava Garcia
Chibundum Ezenwukwa	Shruti Patil
Ebuka Callistus Eziana	Victoria Faith Peters
Corbin Reese Foster	Tanya Rachelle Reyna
Cheyenne Alanah Grubbs	Courtney Nemecia Roberts
Leslie Guerrero	Manuel Alejandro Serna Castillon
Naveed Nasrullah Khimani	Flávia Regina Soares Fernandes
Shirley Marino Lee	Daniel Villarreal Acha

UT Southwestern Presidential Scholarship

Mikaela Elizabeth Bankston

Peter Yih-Wah Chan

Munevver Nur Duran

Gabrielle Emilia Gard

Leslie Guerrero

Sophie Nicole Jerwick

Haley Ashton Loan

Dalia Nicole Mitchell

Alejandra Yasmin Nava Garcia

Victoria Faith Peters

Manuel Alejandro Serna Castillon

Flávia Regina Soares Fernandes

Peyton Elizabeth Tempel

Jeffrey M. Waltner, M.D., & James D. Waltner, M.D., Scholarship

Evan Spencer Suzman

Melba R. Williams Scholarship

Jennie Alicea Hocking

Iona K. Young Scholarship

Zehra Tombul

Student Research Recognition

UT Southwestern Dean's Research Scholars

Beth Anne Childs (2025)
Zuhair Zafir Hawa (2025)
Madysen Katherine Hunter (2024, 2025)
Dalia Nicole Mitchell (2024, 2025)
Tidie Song (2025)

UT Southwestern Medical Student Research Forum Oral Presenters

Peter Yih-Wah Chan
Grant Herbert Flindt
Kaylee Nicole Grant
Madysen Katherine Hunter
Kevin Robert Salinas
Margaret Xuan-Ngoc Vo

Medical Research Forum Poster Presentation Award

Riya Biju Albert
Christopher Michael Fan
Gabrielle Emilia Gard
Tanvi Ajay Ingle
Sara Borbala Papp
Tidie Song

Community Action Research Track

The Community Action Research Track (CART) program is an innovative response to the need for integrating community-based participatory research, population medicine, health promotion/disease prevention, and social determinants of health into the medical school curriculum. This experience provides students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to effectively contribute to reducing and eliminating health disparities among the underserved. The CART program prepares future physicians to be aware of social, psychological, economic, and cultural determinants of health by participating in comprehensive service-learning experiences.

Shruti Patil
Shoaib Syed
Persephone Jingyan Tian

ACADEMIC HERALDRY AND REGALIA

Although the people, the places, and the styles have changed, you are about to participate in a reenactment of a ceremony that has existed for nearly nine centuries: the recognition of academic achievement.

The tradition of recognizing academic accomplishment with ceremony, bright color, and distinctive dress is an exercise that has existed through the ages. Although the commencement ceremony and academic costume of most colleges and universities in the United States today is guided by a twentieth century standard, their roots are found in the development of the universities during the Middle Ages. The medieval universities of Western Europe, such as Paris, Bologna, Cambridge, and Oxford, have provided us with an institutional format -- the university structure; a measure of progress -- degrees; and a ceremony of achievement -- commencement.

The academic hood is derived from the cloak, which in medieval times was worn over the gown. Attached to the cloak at the back of the neck was a cowl hood, which hung down or could be pulled over the head for warmth. After time, this hood became a separate article, worn over the shoulders and hanging down the wearer's back. With the coming into fashion of caps and hats during the fifteenth century, the hoods soon became more ornamental than functional.

Whereas it is generally understood that in Europe gowns were necessary for warmth and hoods covered the academic clerics' tonsured heads, today the American tradition has evolved toward individual expression of the institution. Although the style of the hood is not unique to each institution, the combinations of colors and chevrons have been standardized in the United States for nearly 100 years. The satin colors of the hood lining represent the institution conferring the degree. The academic colors for all components of The University of Texas System are orange and white. The color of the academic hood's velvet trim is distinctive of the degree earned, as is the tassel on the cap. Historical associations of color continue to signify the various faculties and generally carry the traditions established by their early English counterparts. The green of medicinal herbs immediately identifies a medical degree. Philosophy is signified by dark blue, the traditional color of truth and wisdom. The wealth of information earned through research in science is represented by golden yellow. The arts, letters, and humanity are represented by the purity of white.

Cords worn with academic regalia:

- Green and gold - Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society
- Maroon and gold - Gold Humanism Honor Society
- Red, white, and blue - U.S. Armed Forces, Active Duty and Veterans
- Solid color - Medical School Academic College

Light blue stoles:

- Southwestern Academy of Teachers

Medals:

- The University of Texas Academy of Health Science Educators
- UT System Regents' Outstanding Teacher Award

Degrees will be officially conferred to candidates for graduation identified in this commencement booklet who have met all requirements on the recommendation of the faculty of UT Southwestern Medical School and by virtue of the authority vested in the faculty and dean by the Regents of The University of Texas.