# FIFTY-FIRST CONVOCATION

# **Stony Brook Arena**

May 19, 2025



To the Class of 2025,

Welcome to the 51st Convocation of the Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University. Today, we gather to celebrate you, and what will surely stand as one of the most remarkable milestones in your professional journey: your graduation from medical school.

The years you have spent at Stony Brook learning, training, and growing have been demanding, but profoundly rewarding — not just for you, but for our entire institution. Through exams, research, clinical rotations, and long hours, you have demonstrated exceptional character, deep curiosity, and a steadfast commitment to the practice of medicine grounded in science. In doing so, you have inspired your teachers, mentors, and peers alike.

This convocation is a moment of recognition — from your families and loved ones, your mentors and faculty, and the alumni community that now welcomes you with pride. Take this time to celebrate all that you have achieved, and I encourage all of you to remain connected with your professors and classmates in the years ahead.

Most importantly, remember: This moment is not an ending, but a beginning. What you have accomplished here is the foundation for a lifetime of impact — as physicians, as leaders, and as representatives of the Renaissance School of Medicine at its very best.

Congratulations, Doctors.

Best wishes,

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Peter Igarashi, MD Knapp Dean, Renaissance School of Medicine

# Stony Brook University Renaissance School of Medicine Fifty-First Convocation May 19, 2025

Greetings and Introductions	Peter Igarashi, MD Knapp Dean, Renaissance School of Medicine Professor of Medicine
Welcoming Remarks	William A. Wertheim, MD, MBA Executive Vice President for Stony Brook Medicine Endowed Chair in Graduate Medical Education
Convocation Address	Susan M. Wolf, JD Chair, Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences Regents Professor McKnight Presidential Professor of Law, Medicine & Public Policy Faegre Drinker Professor of Law Professor of Medicine University of Minnesota
Graduate Address	Michelle Elena Carfagno Class of 2025
Conferring of Doctoral Degrees	Peter Igarashi, MD
Presentation of Candidates	Andrew Wackett, MD Vice Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education Clinical Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine
	David Cohen, MD Associate Dean of Student Affairs Clinical Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine
	Jack Fuhrer, MD Associate Dean for Admissions Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine
	Jedan Phillips, MD Associate Dean, Office of Student Affairs Clinical Associate Professor of Family, Population and Preventive Medicine
	Lisa Strano-Paul, MD Associate Dean, Clinical Education Clinical Professor of Medicine
Administration of Physician's Oath*	Peter Igarashi, MD
Graduate Closing Address	Shabnam Parsa Class of 2025
Ceremony Closing	Peter Igarashi, MD

#### **Keynote Speaker**



Susan M. Wolf, JD is a Regents Professor; McKnight Presidential Professor of Law, Medicine & Public Policy; Faegre Drinker Professor of Law; and a Professor of Medicine at the University of Minnesota. As the Founding Chair of the University-wide Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences, she is a distinguished scholar who specializes in health law, bioethics, and law and science.

An elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and The American Law Institute, as well as a Fellow of both the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and The Hastings Center, Professor Wolf's groundbreaking research — supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Science Foundation (NSF), Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), the Greenwall Foundation and others — has had major impact on end-of-life care, return of results and incidental findings to research participants, and analysis of emerging technologies including genomics. Her work has resulted in over 200 publications, including in Science, the New England Journal of Medicine and the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS). She has served on numerous national panels, including those for NIH, the National Academies Committee on Science, Engineering, Medicine, and Public Policy (COSEMPUP), the ABA Coordinating Group on Bioethics and the Law, and the ASRM Ethics Committee. In 2011, Professor Wolf was appointed by the Secretary of Health & Human Services to the National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity (NSABB) and served through 2016. She currently sits on the National Academies' Strategic Council for Research Excellence, Integrity, and Trust.

## **2025 Faculty Awards**

#### Class of 2025 Awards for Excellence in Teaching

Anna Adam, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine Maribeth Chitkara, MD, Clinical Professor of Pediatrics David Cohen, MD, Associate Dean, Student Affairs, Clinical Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine Cara Harth, MD, Clinical Associate Professor of Neurology Kaveh Sadigh, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine Patricia Snyder, DO, Clinical Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology Getu Teressa, MD, PhD, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine Andrew Wackett, MD, Vice Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education, Clinical Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine Kevin Zacharoff, MD, Clinical Professor of Family, Population and Preventive Medicine

#### Dr. Jedan Phillips Stony Brook HOME Distinguished Service Award

Miriam Kirvalidze, DO, *Clinical Assistant Professor of Family and Preventive Medicine* 

#### **Class of 2025 Graduate Awards**

#### **Marvin Kuschner Award**

Alexandra Lynne Hohmann

Award for Excellence in Clinical Science Research Samuel Greenberg Lauren Marzolini

Award for Excellence in Translational Science Research Samara Sober

Award for Excellence in Humanistic Studies

Alaba Anna Tam Danagogo

Award for Excellence in Innovation in Medical Education Aaron Chen Bill Hum

Award for Excellence in Global Health Research M. Grace Hren

Award for Clinical Excellence Sofia Hidalgo Perea

Barry Coller Award for Scholarly Concentrations Sarah Rebecca Stephen

Barry Coller Award for Humanism Alaba Anna Tam Danagogo

Martin R. Liebowitz Award for Excellence in Medicine

Marquise Soto Michael Alexander Sova

Award for Excellence in Emergency Medicine Ezra Hornik

American Academy of Neurology Medical Student Prize for Excellence Sarah Rebecca Stephen

Martin L. Stone Award for Excellence in Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Medicine Rakasa Pattanaik

Silberhartz Award for Excellence in Psychiatry Nicole DePaola

#### Award for Excellence in Public Health Yaelin Caba Silverio

**Richard N. Fine Award for Excellence in Pediatrics** Priya Aggarwal

Leon Marienberg for Excellence in Family Medicine Aviva Rabin-Court

# Glasgow-Rubin Certificate for Academic Achievement

Andrea Jasmine Arreguin Anne Bennett Leshya Bokka Brigette Cannata Sofia Hidalgo Perea Alexandra Lynne Hohmann Rachel Anna Loyst Kimberly Wa Lu Jennifer Morrone Payal Nanda Rakasa Pattanaik Ashna Raiker Samara Sober Katy Su Katherine Eleanor Wang

#### **Merck Book Award**

Muhammad Haider Alexandra Lynne Hohmann Samara Sober

Szema Yuan-Pian Award

Muhammad Haider

Citizenship Award Michelle Elena Carfagno

Community Service Award Monica Raiss

Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation Shabnam Parsa

Art in Medicine Award Naomi Thuy Nguyen

NV Kurup Award Adaora Ezike

Stony Brook HOME Distinguished Student Service Award Ann Kogosov

**Kijeon Yoo Award** Digna Nosike

# **Renaissance School of Medicine Timeline**



# **1950**s

**1957:** The State University College of Long Island at Oyster Bay is established, welcoming 148 first-year students and 14 faculty members to its temporary campus grounds, Planting Fields.

## **1960**s

**1960:** On April 8, ground is broken on a new campus in Stony Brook, which soon after is designated a university center and renamed the State University of New York, Long Island Center.

**1963:** University administrators begin planning for the construction of a comprehensive Health Sciences Center on Stony Brook's East Campus.

**1966:** Edmund D. Pellegrino, MD, the first Vice President of the Health Sciences, is charged with establishing a medical center at Stony Brook University that includes a tertiary care hospital. Dr. Pellegrino is named Dean of the School of Medicine in 1968.

**1968:** Drs. Pellegrino and Alfred Knudson ideate an institution with five schools – Medicine (now Renaissance School of Medicine), Nursing, Dental Medicine, Social Work and Allied Health Professions (now School of Health Professions).

# **1970**s

**1971:** The School of Medicine (SOM) welcomes its inaugural class of 24 – eight women and 16 men – in temporary facilities on the South Campus for the three-year program.

**1971:** Phase I construction begins on the new Health Sciences Center, followed by the Basic Research Tower in 1973.

**1971:** Mineola Hospital, Nassau County Medical Hospital and Brookhaven National Laboratory affiliate as teaching centers.

**1972:** Marvin Kuschner, MD, founding director of the Department of Pathology, is appointed as Acting Dean of Medicine.

**1974:** The School of Medicine graduates its first class of 18 doctors at its First Convocation.

**1974:** The Liaison Committee on Medical Education accrediting body approves a full program for the School of Medicine and grants the school permission to increase its class size from 24 to 48 students.

**1974:** The School of Medicine's medical degree goes to a four-year program.

**1974:** The Department of Surgery is established.

**1976:** LCME reaccreditation grants the SOM permission to increase its class size to 76 students in 1980, and to 100 students in 1982.

**1976:** Robert Sandhaus becomes the School of Medicine's first graduate to receive both MD and PhD degrees.

**1978:** Eight HSC departments open, and the HSC earns accreditation to offer residencies in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Psychiatry and Surgery, as well as doctorates in Anatomical Sciences, Microbiology, Pathology and Pharmacology.

**1978:** The Basic Health Sciences program merges with Medicine under the Dean of Medicine.

## **1980**s

**1980:** Stony Brook University Hospital, the region's first academic medical center, is formally dedicated.

**1981:** The Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP), the SOM's MD/PhD program, launches.

**1986:** Stony Brook initiates a Student National Medical Association (SNMA) chapter, empowering minority medical students and advocating for underserved communities.

**1987:** Scholars for Medicine welcomes its first undergraduate students who will graduate in seven years with an MD degree. **1988:** Jordan Cohen, MD, is appointed as

the Dean of Medicine.

**1989:** The SOM's curriculum undergoes extensive revisions, including computer-assisted instruction (CAI).

#### **1990**s

**1990:** The School of Medicine surpasses 1,000 graduates.

**1991:** The Long Island State Veterans Home (LISVH) at Stony Brook opens its doors to its first residents on Oct. 25.

**1993:** Stony Brook University Hospital, clinical operations of the School of Medicine and managed care initiatives, is renamed "Stony Brook University Hospital and Medical Center."

**1994:** Naji Abumrad, MD, is named Acting Dean for the School of Medicine.

**1995:** The School of Medicine establishes its Alumni Chapter.

**1995:** Norman Edelman, MD, is appointed as Dean of the School of Medicine, as Vice President of the University Medical Center and as Vice President of the Health Sciences Center.

**1996:** The School of Medicine celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary.

**1997:** A first-year medical student initiates an Evening of the Arts for the SOM, showcasing medical students and faculty's artistic talents.

**1998:** Stony Brook University Hospital is identified as one of the top 15 teaching hospitals in a vigorous study that examined over 3,500 hospitals nationwide.

**1998:** The School of Medicine hosts its first White Coat Ceremony, now an annual tradition.

#### 2000s

**2000:** The School of Medicine surpasses 2,000 graduates.

**2005:** Richard N. Fine, MD, a nationally renowned pediatric nephrologist and Chair of Stony Brook's Dept. of Pediatrics, is appointed as Dean of the School of Medicine.

**2006:** The new name "Stony Brook University Medical Center" is introduced to refer to both Stony Brook University Hospital and the School of Medicine.

# **Renaissance School of Medicine Timeline**



**2006:** The Clinical Skills Center (now called the Clinical Simulation Center), an ultramodern simulation training site, opens.

**2008:** Stony Brook HOME (Health Outreach and Medical Education), a free medical student run clinic, opens its doors for the first time in Islip, NY.

**2008:** Stony Brook University Medical Center and Southampton Hospital announce their New York State-approved comprehensive alliance.

**2009:** Stony Brook's School of Medicine exceeds 3,000 graduates.

#### 2010s

**2010:** Kenneth Kaushansky, MD, is named Senior Vice President of Health Sciences and Dean of the School of Medicine.

**2010:** Stony Brook Long Island Children's Hospital opens, the only dedicated children's teaching hospital on Long Island.

**2012:** The School of Medicine Alumni Chapter launches HOST (Help Our Students Travel), connecting fourth-year medical students with alumni for lodging, career guidance and hospitality during residency interviews.

**2012:** Leadership unveils new logos for its university and its medical enterprise, featuring a shield, rays and a star. It also introduces "Stony Brook Medicine" as a comprehensive brand that integrates all health-related initiatives and comprises the five health sciences schools, Stony Brook University Hospital, major centers and institutes, programs, clinics and community-based healthcare settings.

**2014:** The SOM launches its multi-phase LEARN (Learning-centered, Experiential, Adaptive, Rigorous and Novel) curriculum, providing integrated training in the basic medical sciences and clinical disciplines of medicine.

**2016:** The SOM enters a strategic partnership with Mount Sinai Health System and the Icahn School of Medicine in Manhattan.

**2017:** Stony Brook Medicine welcomes Southampton Hospital to its healthcare system. Moving forward, the facility is known as Stony Brook Southampton Hospital.

**2017:** The School of Medicine surpasses 4,000 graduates.

**2018:** The SOM unveils its new Three-Year Medical Degree (3YMD) program, offering an accelerated path for students to obtain their medical degree in three years.

**2018:** A Nov. 1 ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrates Stony Brook's new Medical and Research Translation (MART) building for cancer research and clinical services.

**2018:** The Stony Brook University School of Medicine is renamed the Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University (RSOM), recognizing the philanthropic investments of over 100 families at Renaissance Technologies in Stony Brook University, starting with a gift from Jim Simons, former Stony Brook University Mathematics Department Chair, who incubated Renaissance Technologies on the University campus.

**2019:** Eastern Long Island Hospital joins the Stony Brook Medicine healthcare system and is now known as Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital.

**2019:** The 150-bed Hospital Pavilion and Stony Brook Children's Hospital opens on Nov. 17 with a historic Move Day, moving 102 young patients into their new, singlepatient rooms.

## 2020s

**2020:** All RSOM classes go virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2020: One hundred and twenty-two medical students graduate early; 52 percent of the graduating class agree to immediate deployment to fight COVID-19. 2021: William Wertheim, MD, MBA, Vice Dean for Graduate Medical Education and Designated Institutional Official, is named Interim Dean of the Renaissance School of Medicine. **2021:** Members of the RSOM's inaugural Class of 1971 help don the White Coats on the incoming 136 students of the class of 2021.

**2021:** The Renaissance School of Medicine celebrates its fiftieth anniversary.

**2022:** Peter Igarashi, MD, a nationally recognized nephrologist, physicianscientist and medical-education innovator, is appointed as Dean of the Renaissance School of Medicine.

**2022:** RSOM medical students establish Long Island's inaugural chapter of Black Men in White Coats, a national program that addresses the underrepresentation of Black men in medicine and healthcare.

**2023:** Stony Brook University announces it will open the Center for Healthy Aging (CHA) to further revolutionize senior care in Suffolk County and beyond.

**2023:** Stony Brook Medicine opens Stony Brook Advanced Specialty Care at Lake Grove, with a full expansion from 60,000 to 170,000 square feet targeted for completion by 2027.

**2024:** Celebrating its historic 50th Convocation, the RSOM confers 125 new physicians, capped by a keynote address from renowned immunologist and physician-scientist Anthony S. Fauci, MD.

**2024:** The Department of Surgery celebrates 50 years of excellence in clinical care, education, research and community service.

**2024:** The Department of Microbiology and Immunology is recognized as a "Milestones in Microbiology" site by the American Society for Microbiology only the 20th program nationally to receive this honor.

**2025:** One hundred and thirty-three senior medical students graduate before family, loved ones, mentors, alumni and faculty at the Renaissance School of Medicine's 51st Convocation.

#### Doctors of Medicine, Class of 2025

Akshitha Adhiyaman BS (Emory University) 2020

Priya Aggarwal BS (Stony Brook University) 2021

Ines Aguerre Lopez BS (Tulane University) 2019

Jonathan Aronov BS (Adelphi University) 2021

Silva Baburyan BA (City University of New York, Hunter College) 2020

Anne Bennett BS (University at Buffalo) 2019

Alexandra Betancourt BS (University of Miami) 2019 MS (Stony Brook University) 2021

Leshya Bokka BA (Rutgers University) 2020 MPH (Stony Brook University) 2025

Montek Singh Boparai BS (Simon Fraser University) 2021

Yaelin Caba Silverio BS (New York University) 2018 MPH (Stony Brook University) 2025

Austin Cahill BS (University of California, Berkeley) 2020

Brigette Cannata BS (The Pennsylvania State University) 2020

Michelle Elena Carfagno BS (Cornell University) 2019

Aaron Chen BS (University of California, San Diego) 2020

Eric Chen BS (Cornell University) 2019

Steven Jiawen Chen BS (Swarthmore College) 2020

Ryan Cheng BS (University of California, Los Angeles) 2018

Seongmin Choi\*\* BS (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign) 2021

Anecine Dalmeus BS (Stony Brook University) 2018 MS (Stony Brook University) 2020

Allison Dammann BA (Middlebury College) 2019 MA (Stony Brook University) 2025

Alaba Anna Tam Danagogo BSc (Syracuse University) 2021 MA (Stony Brook University) 2025 Morgan Davis BS (Brigham Young University) 2020 MA (Stony Brook University) 2025

Christopher de la Bastide BS (Manhattan College) 2018 MS (Manhattan College) 2019

Nicole DePaola BS (State University of New York, College at New Paltz) 2019

Ailin Elyashi BA (Yeshiva University – Stern College for Women) 2020 MPH (Stony Brook University) 2025

James Espeleta BS (Cornell University) 2020

Adaora Ezike BS (St. Mary's College of California) 2018 MPH (St. Louis University) 2020

Nicholas Fazio BS (Brigham Young University) 2020

Sara Friedman BA (Harvard University) 2019 MPH (New York University) 2020

Nicholas Damiano Fusco BS (Sacred Heart University) 2019

Gregory Garber BA (Rutgers University) 2021 BA (Rutgers University) 2021

Alexander Garcia BS (Florida State University) 2018

Jacob Geldner\*\* BA (City University of New York, Hunter College) 2021

Kevin Gilotra BSc (McMaster University) 2021

Samuel Greenberg BA (Dartmouth College) 2020

Anuj Gupta BA (Columbia University) 2021

Muhammad Haider BA (New York University) 2020

Abdullah Yaqub Hassan\*\* BE (Stony Brook University) 2022

Nathaniel Herman BS (Muhlenberg College) 2018

Jacob Hernandez BS (Cornell University) 2016 MPH (State University of New York, Downstate) 2021

Sofia Hidalgo Perea BS (Duke University) 2020

James Higgins BA (Boston University) 2016 MA (Stony Brook University) 2025 Alexandra Lynne Hohmann BA (Princeton University) 2019 Kellie Hon BS (Stony Brook University) 2021 MA (Stony Brook University) 2025 Ezra Hornik BA (Colgate University) 2019

M. Grace Hren BS (University at Albany) 2019 BA (University at Albany) 2019

Bill Hum BS (University of California, San Diego) 2020 MS (University of California, San Diego) 2021

Daniel Huynh BS (Cornell University) 2019

Meenu Johnkutty BS (Stony Brook University) 2021

Olivia Kam BA (University of Pennsylvania) 2019

Ali Kidwai BS (Binghamton University) 2019

Damian Tae Kim BS (Yale University) 2019

Eunice Kim BS (Stony Brook University) 2017

Joaane Kim BS (Stony Brook University) 2020

Ann Kogosov BS (Northeastern University) 2020

Benjamin Ariel Krauss BS (University of Massachusetts, Boston) 2016 ScM (Brown University) 2020

Halyna Krylyuk BA (City University of New York, Hunter College) 2021

Regina Leilani Tartt Kuhia BA (Columbia University) 2019 MA (Stony Brook University) 2025

Andrew Lam BA (University of Pennsylvania) 2021 MS (University of Pennsylvania) 2021

Kevin Langbart\*\* BS (Binghamton University) 2022

Esther Lee BS (Cornell University) 2019

Alexie Brea Lessing BA (Middlebury College) 2019 MA (Stony Brook University) 2025

Yushi Liang BS (Queen's University at Kingston) 2019 MS (Queen's University at Kingston) 2021

#### **Doctors of Medicine, Class of 2025**

Hu-An Vivian Lin BS (University of California, San Diego) 2017 MS (University of California, San Diego) 2019

Kevin Lin BS (Northeastern University) 2021

Brandon Loh BA (New York University) 2019

Rachel Anna Loyst BS (St. Lawrence University) 2021

Kimberly Wah Lu\*\* BS (Stony Brook University) 2021 MBA (Stony Brook University) 2022

Sijia Ma BS (Johns Hopkins University) 2020

Nirali Mandavawala BS (Stony Brook University) 2020 MA (Stony Brook University) 2025

Lauren Marzolini BS (Northeastern University) 2021

Jacob D. Massa BS (Rutgers University) 2016

Kevin Metz BS (Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences) 2021

Michael Miskiewicz BS (Adelphi University) 2019

Erin Morrisroe BA (University of Virginia) 2021

Jennifer Morrone BS (University of Connecticut) 2021

Shamanth Murundi BE (Cornell University) 2021

Payal Nanda BA (Wellesley College) 2020 MA (Stony Brook University) 2025

Naomi Thuy Nguyen BS (University of California, San Diego) 2019 MA (Stony Brook University) 2025

Naveed Nikpour BA (Vassar College) 2019 MA (Stony Brook University) 2025

Digna Nosike BA (Barnard College) 2013 MS (Stony Brook University) 2017

Carlos Daniel Ortiz BA (Rutgers University) 2015

Grace Park BA (Northwestern University) 2019 Shabnam Parsa BA (University of Maryland, Baltimore County) 2019 MA (Stony Brook University) 2025 Mit Patel BA (Harvard University) 2021

Nidhi Manesh Patel BS (Stony Brook University) 2020

Rakasa Pattanaik BS (University of California, Los Angeles) 2020

Diyu Katherine Pearce-Fisher BS (Yale University) 2019

Jonathan Pesantez BA (Franklin and Marshall College) 2019

Emily Peterson BE (Stony Brook University) 2021

Aviva Rabin-Court BS (Yale University) 2019

Ali Rada BS (City University of New York, College of Staten Island) 2019

Ashna Raiker BS (Stony Brook University) 2021

Monica Raiss BA (Vassar College) 2016

Emilia Rakhamimova BA (City University of New York, Hunter College) 2018 MA (Stony Brook University) 2025

Jennifer Ramgopal BA (Brooklyn College) 2015 MS (University of Cincinnati) 2020

Alia Rizvon BA (Wellesley College) 2021

Jermaine Robertson BS (Stony Brook University) 2019

Sabir Saluja BS (University of Southern California) 2017

Elliot Sanchez BS (Fordham University) 2019

Kaitlyn Sbrollini BS (Cornell University) 2019

Ronak Mihir Shah BS (University of Cincinnati) 2021

Abigail Shegelman BA (Johns Hopkins University) 2019 MHS (Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health) 2020

Yusef Shibly BS (Drew University) 2021

Emma Smolev BA (Washington University in St. Louis) 2020 Samara Sober BS (Northeastern University) 2020 Samuel Soff BS (Cornell University) 2021

Marquise Soto BA (Hofstra University) 2021

Michael Alexander Sova BS (Muhlenberg College) 2020 MA (Stony Brook University) 2025

Sarah Rebecca Stephen BA (Columbia University) 2019 MA (Stony Brook University) 2025

Katy Su BA (Columbia University) 2017 MA (Stony Brook University) 2025

Faiq Tariq BS (State University of New York, College at Old Westbury) 2019

Michael Taub BA (Tufts University) 2008 MA (Teachers College, Columbia University) 2013

Vaibhav Vagal BS (University of Cincinnati) 2021

Elizabeth Varghese BS (Stony Brook University) 2020 MPH (Stony Brook University) 2025

Katherine Eleanor Wang AB (Harvard University) 2020 MBE (Harvard Medical School) 2021

Emily Rose White BS (Manhattan College) 2019

Stacey Wong BS (Cornell University) 2020

Gowri Yerramalli BS (Stony Brook University) 2021

Austin Young BS (State University of New York, College at Old Westbury) 2021

Jason Zhang BS (Duke University) 2017 MA (Stony Brook University) 2025

Hetince Zhao BS (University of Rochester) 2018

Nicole Zhao BS (Stony Brook University) 2020

Xuwen Alice Zheng BA (Johns Hopkins University) 2020

Joshua Zhu BS (Cornell University) 2020 MS (Yale University) 2024

Cristofer Zillo BS (Yale College) 2021

# Medical Scientist Training Program - MD/PhD Graduates

Andrea Jasmine Arreguin BA (Boston University) 2014 PhD in Neuroscience, 2023 "Abnormal Oligodendrogenesis and Myelination in Mouse Modules of Muscular Dystrophy" Advisor: Holly Colognato, PhD Professor, Pharmacological Sciences

#### **Cristian Cleary**

BS (Columbia University) 2013 PhD in Genetics, 2023 "mRNA Splicing in Muscular Dystrophy" Advisor: Christopher Vakoc, MD, PhD Professor, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory

#### Soma Kobayashi

BA (Dartmouth College) 2015 PhD in Biomedical Informatics, 2023 "Computational Approach to Define Histological Phenotypes Across Colitis Mouse Modules" Advisor: Vincent Yang, MD, PhD SUNY Distinguished Professor of Medicine Co-Advisor: Joel Saltz, MD, PhD SUNY Distinguished Professor, Biomedical Informatics

#### Kathryn Alexandra Larkin

BS (University of California, Santa Cruz) 2011 PhD in Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology, 2023 "Regulation of Cancer Cell Metastasis" Advisor: Benjamin Martin, PhD Professor, Biochemistry and Cell Biology

#### **Michael Adrian Martinez**

BA (University of Bridgeport) 2014 PhD in Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology, 2023 "Exploring the Cell Cycle Regulation of Cell Invasion" Advisor: David Q. Matus, PhD Associate Professor, Biochemistry and Cell Biology

#### **Daniel Radin**

BS (University of Rochester) 2017 PhD in Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology, 2023 "Lysosomal Autophagy Inhibition in Glioblastoma Perturbs Stemness, Impedes Hypoxia Development and Uncovers Glioma Cell-Derived TMEM 119" Advisor: Styliani-Anna Tsirka, PhD SUNY Distinguished Professor, Pharmacological Sciences

#### Aziz Mohammedi Rangwala

ScB (Brown University) 2017 PhD in Molecular and Cellular Biology, 2023 "Structural and Kinetic Factors Governing Drug-Target Specificity and Resistance" Advisor: Markus Seeliger, PhD Professor, Pharmacological Sciences

Luke Torre-Healy BA (Vanderbilt University) 2015 PhD in Biomedical Informatics, 2023 "Integration of Molecular, Histological, and Immunological Markers of Clinical Performance in Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma and Breast Cancer" Advisor: Richard Moffitt, PhD Assistant Professor, Biomedical Informatics

#### John Yuen

BA (New York University) 2016 PhD in Genetics, 2023 "Development of Modified microRNAs as Cancer Therapeutics" Advisor: Jingfang Ju, PhD Professor, Pathology

# Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society

Jonathan Aronov Andrea Jasmine Arreguin Leshya Bokka Brigette Cannata Michelle Elena Carfagno Steven Jiawen Chen Nicholas Fazio Kevin Gilotra Anuj Gupta Muhammad Haider Sofia Hidalgo Perea Alexandra Lynne Hohmann Ali Kidwai Rachel Anna Loyst Jennifer Morrone Nidhi Manesh Patel Rakasa Pattanaik Ashna Raiker Aziz Mohammedi Rangwala Ronak Mihir Shah Samara Sober Marquise Soto Michael Alexander Sova Katy Su Vaibhav Vagal Katherine Eleanor Wang Austin Young Cristofer Zillo

# **Gold Foundation Humanism Honor Society**

- Priya Aggarwal Ines Aguerre Lopez Michelle Elena Carfagno Eric Chen Allison Dammann Nicole DePaola Anuj Gupta
- Ali Kidwai Michael Adrian Martinez Jacob D. Massa Naomi Thuy Nguyen Shabnam Parsa Nidhi Manesh Patel Rakasa Pattanaik
- Monica Raiss Ronak Mihir Shah Michael Alexander Sova Jason Zhang Cristofer Zillo

# **Scholarly Concentrations Program**

Silva Baburyan – Medical Education Anne Bennett – Research Aaron Chen – Medical Education Allison Dammann – Humanities Alaba Anna Tam Danagogo – Humanities Morgan Davis - Humanities Nicole De Paola – Humanities Nicholas Fazio – Research Samuel Greenberg - Research Anuj Gupta – Research James Higgins – Humanities Alexandra Lynne Hohmann – Research Kellie Hon – Humanities M. Grace Hren – Global Health Bill Hum - Medical Education Meenu Johnkutty - Humanities Olivia Kam – Research Ali Kidwai – Research Alexie Brea Lessing - Humanities Sijia Ma – Medical Education Nirali Mandavawala – Humanities Lauren Marzolini – Research Jacob D. Massa – Research

Shamanth Murundi – Research Paval Nanda – Humanities Naomi Thuy Nguyen - Humanities Naveed Nikpour - Humanities Shabnam Parsa – Humanities Nidhi Manesh Patel – Humanities Ashna Raiker – Humanities Monica Raiss – Research Emilia Rakhamimova – Humanities Samara Sober – Research Samuel Soff – Research Marguise Soto – Global Health Michael Alexander Sova – Humanities Sarah Rebecca Stephen – Humanities Katy Su – Humanities Vaibhav Vagal - Research Katherine Eleanor Wang - Humanities Emily Rose White - Research Stacey Wong-Medical Education Gowri Yerramalli – Research Jason Zhang – Humanities Xuwen Alice Zheng – Research Joshua Zhu – Research

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# Physician's Oath

I solemnly vow, to that which I value and hold most dear:

That I will honor the Profession of Medicine, be just and generous, and help sustain colleagues in their service to humanity;

That just as I have learned from those who preceded me, so will I instruct those who follow me in the science and the art of Medicine;

That I will recognize the limits of my knowledge and pursue lifelong learning to better care for patients and prevent illness;

That I will seek the counsel of others when they are more expert, so as to fulfill my obligation to those who are entrusted to my care;

That I will not withdraw from my patients in their time of need;

That I will lead my life with integrity and honor, using my position wisely;

That whatsoever I shall see or hear of the lives of my patients that is not fitting to be spoken, I will keep in confidence;

That I will maintain this sacred trust, holding myself far aloof from wrong, from corrupting, from the tempting of others to vice;

That above all else I will serve the highest interests of my patients through the practice of my science and my art;

That I will be an advocate for patients in need and strive for justice in their care.

I now turn to my calling, promising to preserve its finest traditions, with the reward of a long experience in the joy of healing.

I make this vow freely and upon my honor.



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