

# TRANSITION *to* CLINICIAN



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The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

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The Transition to Clinician Ceremony is a special event for Drexel University College of Medicine's MD program class of 2024. Entering medical school during the pandemic presented the class with many challenges, including having a virtual White Coat Ceremony.

This event gives students the opportunity to celebrate a rite of passage in person, and mark their entrance into the medical profession with a pinning ceremony. In the presence of faculty, staff, peers, family and friends, they will enter the next phase of their journey to becoming physicians, reciting an oath to commit to the professional obligations, ethical principles and lifelong service to humanity the profession requires.

## *About the Ceremonial Pin*

Today, students will receive a special pin during the ceremony. The pin was designed by class of 2024 MD student, LaNiece Carpenter. The imagery on the pin symbolizes the following:

- The two buildings are the Queen Lane Campus (left) and a hospital (right), the two main learning environments of a medical student.
- The books behind the students represent the classroom learning portion of the Phase 1 curriculum.
- The stethoscope represents the new phase of clinical practice that students are soon to embark on.
- The students represent the diverse student body that comprises Drexel University College of Medicine.
- The sunrise represents the beginning and celebration of a new chapter in students' medical career paths.



# KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## *Rita Guevara, MD '12*

Rita Guevara, MD, is an assistant professor of pediatrics and assistant dean of diversity, equity, and inclusion at Drexel University College of Medicine. As assistant dean, she collaborates on all efforts of the Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, including recruitment, enrollment, community-building, and stakeholder events. Dr. Guevara is also the deputy director of the Drexel Pathway to Medical School program. In this role, Dr. Guevara focuses on specific projects involving the pipeline mentorship program, educational grant preparation and quality improvement of programming.

Prior to medical school, she completed a Master of Health Science in Reproductive and Cancer Biology at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Guevara graduated from Drexel University College of Medicine in 2012. She then completed her residency in pediatrics at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. Upon completion of her residency, she served as chief pediatric resident. Dr. Guevara is an attending physician at the Center for the Urban Child and director of health equity at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. She has earned several teaching awards including the Margaret C. Fisher Spirit of St. Chris Award which is given by house staff to an attending physician who exemplifies the eternal spirit of St. Christopher's Hospital for Children.

Dr. Guevara is co-founder and president of the Minority Outreach, Retainment, and Education Group at St. Christopher's. She is a board member of Centro Nueva Creación, a nonprofit organization that promotes resiliency in children through afterschool and summer educational enrichment programs and exposure to Latino cultures and the arts.



# *Program*

## **OPENING REMARKS**

Charles B. Cairns, MD

*Walter H. and Leonore Annenberg Dean, College of Medicine; Senior Vice President of Medical Affairs; Professor of Emergency Medicine*

## **REMARKS**

Amy S. Baranoski, MD '03, MSc

*Assistant Dean, Phase One Curriculum; Associate Professor of Medicine*

## **CLASS OF 2024 SPEAKER**

Andrew Joseph III, MS

## **ALUMNI SPEAKER**

Meghan Berkenstock, MD '11

## **COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Haviva M. Goldman, PhD

*Vice Chair for Medical Education; Professor of Neurobiology and Anatomy*

## **ROLL CALL OF THE CLASS OF 2024**

Hershey S. Bell, MD

*Associate Dean, Cape Fear Valley Health*

Michael A. Bohr, MD

*Associate Dean, WellSpan York Hospital;  
Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine*

John D. Goldman, MD

*Associate Dean, UPMC Harrisburg;  
Assistant Professor of Medicine*

Richard J. Hamilton, MD

*Associate Dean, Crozer-Chester Medical  
Center; Professor and Academic Chair of  
Emergency Medicine*

James B. Reilly, MD, MS

*Associate Dean, Allegheny Programs;  
Associate Professor of Medicine*

Seema Sidhu, MD

*Associate Dean, Kaiser Permanente-Bay  
Area; Assistant Professor of Obstetrics &  
Gynecology*

## **ADMINISTRATION OF THE PHYSICIAN'S PLEDGE**

Cheryl Hanau, MD

*Professor and Richard Shuman, MD, Chair of the Department of Pathology &  
Laboratory Medicine; Interim Associate Dean of Admissions*

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

Charles B. Cairns, MD

WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION DECLARATION OF GENEVA

## *The Physician's Pledge*

AS A MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION:

I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE to dedicate my life to the service of humanity;

THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF MY PATIENT will be my first consideration;

I WILL RESPECT the autonomy and dignity of my patient;

I WILL MAINTAIN the utmost respect for human life;

I WILL NOT PERMIT considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing, or any other factor to intervene between my duty and my patient;

I WILL RESPECT the secrets that are confided in me, even after the patient has died;

I WILL PRACTICE my profession with conscience and dignity and in accordance with good medical practice;

I WILL FOSTER the honor and noble traditions of the medical profession;

I WILL GIVE to my teachers, colleagues, and students the respect and gratitude that is their due;

I WILL SHARE my medical knowledge for the benefit of the patient and the advancement of healthcare;

I WILL ATTEND TO my own health, well-being, and abilities in order to provide care of the highest standard;

I WILL NOT USE my medical knowledge to violate human rights and civil liberties, even under threat;

I MAKE THESE PROMISES solemnly, freely, and upon my honor.

# *Drexel University College of Medicine*

Shreya Agarwal	James Carey	Chad Fanti	Hassan Khuram
Roseline Ajayi	LaNiece Carpenter	Meray Faragalla	Alina Kiley
Aravindh Ajithkumar	Michael Carter	Muhammad Farooq	Alyson Kim
John Allsop	Zachary Cataline	Julianna Fazio	Christopher Kim
Vyshnavi Anandan	Matthew Cerveny	Tatiana Ferraro	Hannah Kim
Cynthia Andrade	Bryant Chang	Allison Flanagan	Un Bi Kim
Taasha Andre	Patrick Chang	Alexander Flores	Alissa Klammer
Isabella Archer	Kevin Chen	Carrie Forman	Victoria Koa
Joseph Arena	Nina Cheng	Daniella Forman	Vilajet Kovaci
Cenk Atillasoy	Hannah Cherusseril	Marissa Fu	Hunter Kready
Sarah Awad	Andrew Chiu	Kent Fuller	Jacqueline Krieger
Trevor Baley	Chetna Chopra	Sara Furukawa	Jennifer Kuflewski
Jessica Barnett	Benjamin Chu	Avani Gandhi	Robin Kumaratunga
Awinita Barpujari	Anthony Ciro	Ashlea Ghaner	Brady Kupersmith
Dominique Barral	Yonesha Cole	Anthony Ghobrial	Steven Lawless
Nathan Beatson	Madeline Collazo Maguire	Kishan Ghodasara	Sophie Lawrence
Ghita Benjelloun	Natalie Correa	Samuel Glaisher	Quynh Le
Nicholas Berardone	Erica Crawford	Ryan Godinez	Joshua Leckron
Abhinaya Bharath	Nefertiti Curtis	Matthew Griffin	Alexander Lee
Akash Bhat	Kwesi Daniel	Selam Haile	Bo Lim Lee
Ishaan Bhatt	Danielle Darius	Michael Heller	Joanna Lee
Rohith Bhethanabotla	Alexandra Davidson	Kassandra Hill	Steven Leonard
Isabel Billiar	Andrew Davis	Eli Hoerler	Mathew Lewis
Catherine Blankemeyer	Denis de la Flor	Keven Hoogheem	Steve Li
Aliyah Bolton	Bela Delvadia	Aric Huber	Vivian Li
Joshua Bosque-Hamilton	Emily Demmert	Edwardo Hurtado	Lillian Liang
Alexandra Boucher	Barry DeRose	Nathan Jacobs	Edward Lin
Elaine Boustila	Madison Dew	Bhavita Jagessar	Jason Lin
Gregory Boyek	Matthew Dolan	Samir Jambhekar	David Lippe
Scott Brackett	Andriana Doliba	Maxwell Johnson	Chung Heng Liu
Anna Braendle	Kathryn Duncan	Andrew Joseph	Antonio Lopez
Lydia Briggs	Ozdemir Erdemir	Rohan Joshi	Emma Lou
Jack Buckanavage	Courtney Eng	Kendall Karcher	Emily Lufburrow
Taylor Buckley	Frank Estrella	Saher Kazi	Camille Lynch
Blake Campbell	Margaux Everingham	Michelle Kelley	Tanmay Majmudar
	Chinedu Ezikanyi	Megan Kerstein	Lee Man
		Dhaval Khamar	Shreya Mandloi

# Class of 2024

Lisa Manitta	Jennifer Nguyen	Valeria Rodriguez	Serin Varughese
Madison Mansfield	Yen Nguyen	Alfaro	Sara Vaughan
Marcos Marimon	Samantha	Natalia Romano	Beata Vayngortin
Matteen Maroofian	Nishimura	Spica	Isabelle Velloze
David Marulanda	Julianne	Kevin Rooney	Louis Jiorgio
Cynara Matos	Nootenboom	Rim Saab	Villegas
Rishabh Matta	Ruth Vanelle	Nathan Sablowski	Jamie Vizelman
Andrew Maza	Nouboussi Nzapgho	Farhan Sahawneh	Kimberly Vu
Katie McCauley	Lyndsay Oakeson	Schylar Said	Colin-Michael
Joseph	David Okhuereigbe	Christian Sanchez	Wakefield
McClanaghan	Jorge Olan	Edeline Sanchez	Sarah Waszyn
Kyle McCloskey	Mayar Osman	Katelyn Sanchez	Michael Weiser
Luke McCutcheon	Jade Overton	Reena Sandhu	Caitlin White
Elysia McDonald	Dimas Palmar	Hayden Sando	Kelsey Whitus
Angela Mei	Kady Palmer	Samuel Saucedo	Michelle Willis
Nataliya Melnyk	Nathaniel Park	Brianna Scamby	Jannah Wing
Danielle Mensah	Mayank Patel	Samuel Schachter	Daniel Woodhead
Craig Methot	Pravin Patel	Rohan Sehgal	Erica Yi
Caleb Middlebrook	Radhika Patel	Sara Seyedroudbari	Kanyinsola Yoloye
Fanny Migliore	Ruchi Patel	Mitali Shah	Nari Yoon
Ahmed Mirza	Sohan Patel	Pranav Sharma	Kevin Yu
Argishty	Vandan Patel	Benjamin Sherman	Lauren Yue
Mirzakhania	Thayjas Patil	Michelle Slinger	Philip Zachariah
Tarannum	Kaustav Patra	Christopher Slowik	Sean Zacharias
Mohammadi	Gabriel Pertierra	Katherine Spencer	Youssef Zaki
Kiarra Mouzon	Nicholas Piarulli	Jessica Stimely	Eagan Zettlemoyer
Sreya Muchivolu	Kristen Porreca	Victoria Stoffel	Lawrence Zhang
Tania Mulherkar	Atene Poskute	Louis Susca	Tony Zhang
Shiraz Mumtaz	Maria Priyma	Stuti Tank	Henry Zimmer
Fadia Namous	Neha Puttagunta	Shahwar Tariq	Jaelyn Zois
Nagapranati	Benjamin Rahmani	Anthony Tirone	
Nanduri	Winnie Rao	Jessica Titherington	
James Nassur	Amberly Ray	Rhea Trainson	
Jyotsna Natarajan	Natasha Reddy	Erika Tretner	
Charles Neff	Erica Riddick	Amol Trivedi	
Madison Newman	Alessandra	Esther Tsyngauz	
Brendon Ngo	Rigamonti	Evan Turner	
John Nguyen	Cody Ritz	Aneri Vakharia	
Thuchanh Nguyen			

*\*Class of 2024 at time of printing*

# *History of Drexel University College of Medicine*

Though we are in our third decade as Drexel University College of Medicine, we embrace our heritage as a college of opportunity, tracing our roots from two forebear institutions that embraced diversity: Hahnemann Medical College and the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania. As their proud successor, the College of Medicine upholds enduring values: commitment to educational opportunity, excellence in basic science and clinical preparation, dedicated mentorship and the innovative spirit of revolutionary institutions.

Hahnemann was established as the Homeopathic Medical College of Pennsylvania in 1848, to provide standardized training in the emerging system of medicine called homeopathy, linked to a foundation in orthodox medical science and practice. It was renamed Hahnemann Medical College in honor of Samuel Hahnemann, the founder of homeopathic medicine. The school welcomed students of all backgrounds. By the late 1920s, the homeopathic focus was gone, but the attention to excellent student preparation lived on. Hahnemann became a nationally known academic medical center and a leading provider of subspecialty care, particularly for cardiovascular disease.

The Woman's Medical College, the first degree-granting medical school in the world for women, was founded in 1850 as the Female Medical College of Pennsylvania. Providing educational opportunity to a diverse cohort of women was its hallmark. Woman's Med trained physicians who practiced all over the world, creating a corps of impressive female clinicians and scientists to serve as faculty and leaders in medicine. After 120 years, the school became co-educational in 1970 under the name Medical College of Pennsylvania, or MCP. MCP won renown for educational innovation and research, including in women's health, and continued to advance the standing of women scientists and physicians.

Our legacy schools were brought together by Allegheny Health, Education and Research Foundation, based in Pittsburgh, which acquired first MCP and then Hahnemann University, as well as their hospitals. The two medical colleges were combined and in 1996 took the new name Allegheny University of the Health Sciences. When Tenet Healthcare Corporation acquired the hospitals in 1998, a nonprofit – MCP Hahnemann University – was created to take over the merged medical schools.

Drexel University, a historic institution in its own right, assumed management of this new academic entity. The medical school became Drexel University College of Medicine in 2002.

Like MCP and Hahnemann, Drexel University had its roots in the provision of opportunity. Financier Anthony J. Drexel founded the Drexel Institute of Art, Science and Industry in 1891 to offer practical education to men and women without regard to socioeconomic status, race or religion. The institute evolved into a university known for excellence in engineering and technology and for its cooperative education program – one of the first of its kind and among the most highly regarded in the nation. With the addition of schools of medicine, nursing and public health, Drexel entered the ranks of the top 100 research universities in the country.

In the medical school, exponential growth in the doctoral, master's and professional programs led to the creation in 2013 of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Professional Studies within the College of Medicine.

As a leading college in a vibrant urban university, our medical school benefits from and enhances Drexel's place on the national, and increasingly international, stage with a heritage of innovation, inclusiveness and excellence that goes back more than 170 years.





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