



COMMENCEMENT

MAY 11, 2020





Peter J. Deckers, M.D.

2020 UConn Health Commencement Speaker

Peter J. Deckers, M.D. is a surgical oncologist and Dean Emeritus at UConn Health. He served as Dean of the School of Medicine from 1995-2008 and Executive Vice President for Health Affairs from 2000-2008. A graduate of the College of the Holy Cross, Deckers earned his medical degree from the Boston University School of Medicine and Medical Center, where

he received the Outstanding Physician Award. He completed his residency in general surgery, a fellowship in surgical oncology in the Surgical Branch of the National Cancer Institute at the NIH, and was a U.S. Public Health Service trainee in academic surgery at Boston University where he began his career and advanced to the position of professor and vice-chair for surgical education. He joined the

Health Center in 1987 after three years as Director of Surgery at Hartford Hospital.

Deckers' honors are many, and they include the Sanctae Crucis Award of Holy Cross College, the Kaiser-Permanente Teaching Award, the Carole and Ray Neag Medal of Honor, and the Robert U. Massey Award for Distinguished Service to name just a few. Dr. Deckers is a past President of the New England Cancer and New England Surgical Societies. He received an Honorary Degree from Assumption College. Deckers also has an award at UConn Health bearing his name, the Dr. Peter J. Deckers Employee Appreciation Award. This award recognizes one outstanding employee, annually, who consistently demonstrates commitment and passion, strong leadership, exemplary professional skills, and commendable personal attributes, all in support of the UConn Health mission. This is among the highest honors awarded to UConn Health employees.

Graduate School Degrees

MASTER OF DENTAL SCIENCE

BAKHSI, KHABAB
CHANG, PHILIP
HABIB, LAMIA AHMED NOUR EL DIN
LOMBOW, JONATHAN ANDREW
MAGO, JYOTI
PALO, LEDJO
PURI, DIVYA

GRADUATES, AUGUST 24, 2019

AL-ABEDALLA, KHADIJEH
AZAMI, NILOUFAR
BABALOLA, KEHINDE
FOSSUM, ANDREW
HARRIS, KAYLA ANNE
KWON, TAE
LEE, JOSEPH
LOEWENSTEIN, ALISON GAIL
LUU, BILL
MAINIKAR, ANSHUL
MUTALIK, SUNIL SUBHASH
NANDA, ANJALI
SARSOUR, RAWAN JEHAD JAMIL
SEONG, CHRISTINA
SLAUCH, ROBERT
STANGLER, MICHAEL DAVID

GRADUATES, DECEMBER 15, 2019

KILBRIDE, CAROLYN
MEETHIL, ARCHANA PALAKKAL

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

BAKER, PRECIOUS MARIE
BLONDIN, AUDREY
BLONDIN, MATTHEW
BOLAND, DAE-ZHANÉ
CAREW, KIRSTEN SAAGER
CASEY, LINDA D.
FIGNON, ANIELLA MARY JANE GENEVIEVE
FRENIS, ELIZABETH ADELE
GURALNICK, STEPHANIE LEE BERON
HASAN, RABALE*
HOLOVATSKA, MARTA M.
JUI, SHANJIDA ARBIE
KANE, ODIA

KATZ, MIRIAM ESTHER
LABRECQUE, HOLLY
LARSON, ANNA
LOFTUS, CORY JAMES
MEINERT, MARY
MISIORSKI, ADAM CHARLES
NADEAU-SHADON, ALLISON
OHEMENG, KWAKU KONADU*
ORTIZ, MARIA CLEMENCIA
PANTOJA, LUIS
PHANEUF, LINDSAY MAE
ROANE, KAITLIN ANNE
SHANKAR, KRITIKA
SHARMA, AMBIKA**
SHEFRAW, RUTH TESHOME
SMITH, LINA ELISE
THERIAULT, KAYLA MARIE
UDE, FRANKLIN CHIDUBEM
VICÉNS CARDONA, CAROLINA*
WILSON REARDON, MIRYAM HANNAH*

*Recipient of M.D./M.P.H. combined degree

**Recipient of D.M.D./M.P.H. combined degree

GRADUATES, AUGUST 24, 2019

ANDRESEN, CHRISTIAN D.
BIERI, RAMON WHITNEY
LAKE, WILLOW ELIZABETH
LOWNEY, ERIN MARILYN
MALCOLM, JESSICA A.
MATTHEWS, ANDRIA DANIELLE
ROY, NIKITA

MASTER OF SCIENCE, BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

GARCIA-MUNOZ, JOHN CAMILO
PETERSON, JALIAH ASHANTE

GRADUATES, DECEMBER 15, 2019

ABBLETT, REBECCA
MONTGOMERY, AUNDRYA BROOKE

MASTER OF SCIENCE, CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH

BARTELS, CHANTAL BARBARA
KHANGURA, RAMINDER KAUR

GRADUATES, AUGUST 24, 2019

TRAPP, CHRISTINE

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

ADAMSON, SCOTT IAN

Doctoral Dissertation: Functional Characterization of Empirically Identified Splicing Regulatory Elements (*Major Advisor:* Brenton R. Graveley; *Area of Concentration:* Genetics and Developmental Biology)

ADHIKARI, BANDITA

Doctoral Dissertation: Mathematical Modeling of Iron Regulation in Monocyte-Derived Macrophages During Aspergillus Infection (*Major Advisor:* Reinhard Laubenbacher; *Area of Concentration:* Cell Analysis and Modeling)

BAENA ECHEVERRI, VALENTINA

Doctoral Dissertation: Intercellular Communication in the Mouse Ovarian Follicle Analyzed by Three-Dimensional Electron Microscopy (*Major Advisor:* Mark R. Terasaki; *Area of Concentration:* Cell Biology)

CHEN, XIN

Doctoral Dissertation: Role of Glucose Metabolism in Human T Cell Activation and Functions (*Major Advisor:* Derya Unutmaz; *Area of Concentration:* Immunology)

GEORGE, MARIAM MATHEW

Doctoral Dissertation: Defining the Phenotypes of Tumor-Infiltrating CD8+ T Lymphocytes in Mice Immunized with Neoepitopes (*Major Advisor:* Pramod K. Srivastava; *Area of Concentration:* Immunology)

HRDLICKA, HENRY CHARLES

Doctoral Dissertation: microRNA Family 29: a Positive Regulator of Osteoclastogenesis (*Major Advisor:* Anne M. Delany; *Area of Concentration:* Skeletal Biology and Regeneration)

KEILICH, SPENCER RYAN

Doctoral Dissertation: Influenza-Induced Muscle Degradation: Mechanism of Flu-Induced Disability with Aging (*Major Advisor:* Laura Haynes; *Area of Concentration:* Immunology)

• Commencement Student Speaker

LAFONTAINE, ADAM THOMAS

Doctoral Dissertation: From Patient to Pathways: An SH2-Based Workflow for Studying Signaling in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia Using Biochemical Data and Computational Methods (*Major Advisor:* Bruce J. Mayer; *Area of Concentration:* Cell Analysis and Modeling)

LORENZO, ERICA CORINNE

Doctoral Dissertation: Examining the Aged Immune System: Elucidating the Underlying Mechanisms that Promote More Effective Influenza Responses and Regulate CD4 T Cell Subsets (*Major Advisor:* Laura Haynes; *Area of Concentration:* Immunology)

RYAN, JOSEPH MICHAEL*

Doctoral Dissertation: Improving Combination Cancer Immunotherapy with a Novel, Dual-Specific Immunotherapeutic Platform that Links T Cell Costimulatory Pathways (*Major Advisor:* Laura Haynes; *Area of Concentration:* Immunology)

VIJAYKUMAR, ANUSHREE

Doctoral Dissertation: Roles of Wnt/ β -Catenin Signaling in Odontoblast Differentiation and Reparative Dentinogenesis (*Major Advisor:* Mina Mina; *Area of Concentration:* Skeletal Biology and Regeneration)

YU, ALBERT SAE*

Doctoral Dissertation: TRP Channels in Cardiovascular Disease (*Major Advisor:* Lixia Yue; *Area of Concentration:* Cell Biology)

ZAMBRELLO, MATTHEW ALFRED**

Doctoral Dissertation: Computational Approaches for Assessing Spectral Quality in NMR Spectroscopy (*Major Advisor:* Jeffrey C. Hoch; *Area of Concentration:* Molecular Biology and Biochemistry)

*Recipient of M.D./Ph.D. combined degree

**Recipient of D.M.D./Ph.D. combined degree

GRADUATES, AUGUST 24, 2019

BEHL, BHARAT

Doctoral Dissertation: Intracellular Host Defense in Microbial Infections (*Major Advisor:* Vijay Rathinam; *Area of Concentration:* Immunology)

OSMAN, AHMAD SULEIMAN

Doctoral Dissertation: Encoding of Sound Shape in Rat Auditory Cortex (*Major Advisor:* Brenton R. Graveley; *Area of Concentration:* Genetics and Developmental Biology)

RIZZO, ALESSANDRO

Doctoral Dissertation: Assembly and Inhibition of the Rev1/Pol ζ Mutasome (*Major Advisor:* Dmitry M. Korzhnev; *Area of Concentration:* Molecular Biology & Biochemistry)

YASKO, JESSICA ROSE

Doctoral Dissertation: Transcriptional Profiling of Non-Injured Nociceptors After Spinal Cord Injury Reveals Diverse Molecular Changes (*Major Advisor:* Richard Mains; *Area of Concentration:* Neuroscience)

GRADUATES, DECEMBER 15, 2019

KNIGHT, BRITTANY

Doctoral Dissertation: Role of Tissue Inhibitor of Matrix Metalloproteinase-1 in the Development of Hypersensitivity Using an Animal Model of Cutaneous Inflammation (*Major Advisor:* Kyle Baumbauer; *Area of Concentration:* Neuroscience)

QENDRO, VENETA

Doctoral Dissertation: Investigation of Potential Cancer Therapeutic Elements (*Major Advisor:* Linda H. Shapiro; *Area of Concentration:* Cell Biology)

SHARMA, TULIKA

Doctoral Dissertation: Molecular Signature of Cherubism in Murine Bone Marrow Stromal Cultures (*Major Advisor:* Peter F. Maye; *Area of Concentration:* Genetics and Developmental Biology)

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY,
PUBLIC HEALTH**

GRADUATES, AUGUST 24, 2019

NAMAZI, SARA

Doctoral Dissertation: An Examination of the Impact of Work and Family Stressors on Correctional Supervisors' Family Life and Mental Health (*Major Advisor:* Richard H. Fortinsky; *Area of Concentration:* Occupational & Environmental Health Science)

Dental School Graduates**ADZENYAH, AKOSUA AMPOMAA**

General Practice Residency
Interfaith Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

ARIF, YUMNA

Advanced Education in General Dentistry
Providence Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Providence, RI

BADZIAL, ANASTASIYA

Periodontics
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
• *American Academy of Periodontology Award*

BALLOCH, JAMES

Endodontics
University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, Farmington, CT
• *American Association of Endodontists Student Achievement Award*

BARBAR, JOSEPH W.

General Practice Residency
State University of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY

BERNSTEIN, JILLIAN LEE

General Practice Residency
Danbury Hospital Dental Services, Danbury, CT
• *Horace Wells Senior Student Award from the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology*

BIBBER, ERIN MARIE

Pediatric Dentistry
Ohio State University/Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, OH
• *American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Certificate of Merit*
• *The Eleanor J. Bushbee Senior Dental Student Award*

BORGUETA, MICA

Advanced Education in General Dentistry
University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, Farmington, CT
• *Olmstead Prize in Geriatrics*

**Spencer Keilich — The Graduate School Student Speaker**

For the past five years, Spencer Keilich has been studying a very common and deadly virus. Keilich and his research mentor Dr. Laura Haynes, a renowned immunologist, wanted to know why older adults become disabled when they contract influenza and how that can be prevented.

"We just got a paper accepted that shows how the loss of certain muscle fibers during flu infection can lead to disability, but with vaccination you can prevent these events from happening," he says.

Keilich, who is being awarded a Ph.D. in Biomedical Science with a concentration in immunology, says he's always had a "scientific brain." When he told his parents — both computer programmers — that he liked science but not computers, they were supportive.

"They were fine with whatever I wanted to pursue, whatever I was most passionate about," says Keilich, who grew up in Windsor, Connecticut.

While earning his undergraduate degree in Biomedical Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, he began taking biology classes as a minor. "It bloomed into an understanding of viruses and the immune system which fascinated me with how complicated it was and all the moving parts."

This led him to UConn and its highly ranked immunology program. "I shopped around for graduate schools all over the country," Keilich says. "It seemed like the research was most interesting here, and I felt better connections with the professors and faculty. For me it just seemed like a better fit."

Keilich is already pursuing the next stage of his career. He's a staff scientist at QCD-x LLC in Farmington, part of the Technology Incubation Program at UConn Health, where he's investigating how to isolate and identify rare tumor cells in patient's blood to detect early cancers.

"My goal was always to try and use my engineering skills and my knowledge of immunology and biology to fix some of the things going on in diseases or in conditions such as cancer," he says. "So my work at QCD-x is really the perfect opportunity for me."

BRAINARD, DANIELLE LYNN

General Practice Residency
Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT
• *American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Student Award of Merit*
• *American Academy of Oral Medicine Award*

BRODEUR, FELICIA

Advanced Education in General Dentistry
University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, Farmington, CT

CAMIEL, ROSS EVAN

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Boston University - Goldman School, Boston, MA
• *American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Dental Student Award*

CHALUPARAMBIL, MARIAMMA

Orthodontics
University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, Farmington, CT
• *2019 ASDA Award of Excellence*

CHEN, HENRY

General Practice Residency
University of California - San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

DALAL, TAPAN PARESH

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Intern Year
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

DE LA TORRE, LIANA MARIA

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Intern Year
Ascension Macomb Hospital, Detroit, MI

DEFILIPPO, ANTHONY JOHN

General Practice Residency
Morristown Medical Center, Morristown, NJ
• *Academy of General Dentistry Senior Student Dental Award*

DINESH, ANJALI

Orthodontics
Montefiore Medical Center/Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY
• *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*
• *Dr. Surender Nanda Memorial Award*

DONOVAN, CALLAN ELIZABETH

Orthodontics
University of Louisville, Louisville, KY
• *American Association of Orthodontists Award*
• *International Congress of Oral Implantologists/ Dentistry Student Achievement Award*

ESTRADA, DEMITRIA

General Practice Residency
Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT

ETEMAD, LILY SHIVA

Orthodontics
Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
• *Allan B. Reiskin Award*
• *South Park Inn Dental Clinic Award*

FARAJ, MOHAAD AMAR

Prosthodontics
University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, Farmington, CT
• *Hanaou™ Best of the Best Prosthodontic Award*
• *Phi Chi Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon 2020 Inductee*

FIGUEROA-ORTIZ, JEREMY X.

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
• *Health Careers Mentorship Award*
• *The Dr. Loeb Prize Fund*

FITZGERALD, DANIEL ROBERT

General Practice Residency
State University of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY
• *American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Dental Student Award*
• *International College of Dentists Student Leadership Award*

GAMBINO, DOMINIC RAYMOND

General Practice Residency
Danbury Hospital Dental Services, Danbury, CT
• *The Alumni Relations Award*

GRECO, BRIAN ROBERT

General Practice Residency
New York Veterans Administration Medical Center, New York, NY
• *American Academy of Implant Dentistry Student Award*
• *Northeastern Society of Periodontists Award*
• *Phi Chi Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon 2020 Inductee*
• *The Quintessence Award for Research Achievement*

HARRIS, LISA ILENE

Pediatric Dentistry
University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, Farmington, CT

JIMENEZ, RICHARD

Advanced Education in General Dentistry
New York University Langone Health, Tacoma, WA
• *Health Careers Mentorship Award*

KELLER, EMILY LAUREN

General Practice Residency
Mountain Area Health Education Center, Asheville, NC

KOSAKOWSKI, MACIEJ

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
New York Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Cornell Campus, New York, NY
• *Academy of Dental Materials Award*
• *Academy of Osseointegration Outstanding Dental Student in Implant Dentistry*
• *American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Dental Student Award*

KWOK, ABRAHAM HEUNG

Advanced Education in General Dentistry
New York University Langone Health, Flatbush Family Health Center, Brooklyn, NY

LUTAAYA, ALFRED

General Practice Residency
Danbury Hospital Dental Services, Danbury, CT
• *Academy of Operative Dentistry Award*
• *American College of Prosthodontists Achievement Award*

MILLINGTON, GRETHEL

General Practice Residency
New York Veterans Administration Medical Center, New York, NY
• *Academic Achievement Award 2020 Sponsored by the Provost's Commission on the Status of Women, The UConn Alumni Association, and the Women's Center*
• *Kohrman Award*
• *Phi Chi Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon 2020 Inductee*
• *The Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Periodontics*
• *The Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Restorative Dentistry*

MORRIN, ROBERT DANIEL

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
• *Connecticut Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Award*
• *Dr. Richard G. Topazian Prize*
• *International College of Dentists Student Humanitarian Award*

OKAFOR, CHIDINMA B.

Orthodontics
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

OUYANG, HUIYAO

General Practice Residency
Flushing Hospital and Medical Center, Flushing, NY

PACELLI, ASHLEY MARIE

General Practice Residency
Danbury Hospital Dental Services, Danbury, CT

PARISI, DANIEL F.

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Intern Year
University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, Farmington, CT

PERACCHIO, NICHOLAS VINCENT

General Practice Residency
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY
• *University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine Professional Development Award*

PRAY, NICHOLAS WARTON

Pediatric Dentistry
University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, Farmington, CT
• *Special Care Dentistry Association/Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities Award*

QUEVEDO, BRIDGET NICOLE

Master's in Business Administration
University of Connecticut Business School, Hartford, CT

QUINONES, ERICA LAUREN

General Practice Residency
New York Medical College, Valhalla, NY
• *Commencement Student Speaker*

RESS, ERIC MICHAEL

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
University of Florida - Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL
• *American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Dental Implant Award*



Erica Quinones — School of Dental Medicine Student Speaker

Erica Quinones was only 8 years old when she told her parents she wanted to be a dentist when she grew up. She gives her mom, a dental hygienist, full credit for the decision.

“I was with her in the office a lot as a kid and I saw how much she loved the profession,” says Quinones. “Even though she encouraged me to look at other careers, I held steadfast, and it’s worked out. But it was 100% because of my mom.”

So it was extra special that Quinones was able to share her greatest experience in dental school with her mother. When Quinones led a service trip to Puerto Rico last year, her mom came along, and they helped provide much needed dental care for residents still suffering after Hurricane Maria hit the island in 2017.

“My mom was doing cleanings, and I was working on patients,” explains Quinones. “I am Puerto Rican, and I have family on the island, so I’m glad we had the opportunity to help. Many dentists left the island after the hurricane, so there are still a lot of access to care issues, especially in the rural areas.”

Quinones is from Trumbull, Connecticut and received her undergraduate degree from Hartford’s Trinity College. When she started applying to dental schools, she was pleased to learn that one of the best was in her own backyard. Even so, proximity wasn’t the reason she decided on UConn.

“It’s really about the community that UConn brings together,” she explains. “Being smaller, all the faculty know you. You’re not just a number.”

Quinones says the COVID-19 pandemic has made it clear what a good decision that was.

“From the very start of the crisis, the faculty got together with the fourth year students and said ‘no matter what happens, you’re going to be okay, we have your back.’ Deans and department heads have been in constant communication — making sure we complete assignments and satisfy graduation requirements.”

As Quinones prepares next for her general practice residency at New York Medical College, she’s grateful for her time at UConn. “Having that small community is a really big thing, especially when you’re going through something as tough as finishing dental school during a pandemic.”

- *American College of Dentists Outstanding Student Leadership Award (Yankee Dental Congress)*
- *American Prosthodontic Society Award*
- *Friends of the School of Dental Medicine - Fox Award*
- *Phi Chi Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon 2020 Inductee*

ROH, SAMUEL

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, Farmington, CT

RUDMAN, JESSICA ASHLEY

Endodontics

Texas A&M University, College of Dentistry, Dallas, TX

- *American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Award*
- *Phi Chi Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon 2020 Inductee*
- *The Pierre Fauchard Academy Award*

SALM, ERIC LUDWIG

General Practice Residency

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY

SHARMA, AMBIKA

Orthodontics

University of Louisville, Louisville, KY

- *American Association of Public Health Dentistry*

SHENOI, AARYA UMESH

General Practice Residency

West Palm Beach Veteran Affairs Medical Center, West Palm Beach, FL

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

STAPLES, RYANE NICHOLAS

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

San Antonio Military Medical Center, San Antonio, TX

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

SULLIVAN, EMILY ROSE

General Practice Residency

Cambridge Health Alliance, Cambridge, MA

TSUI, STEPHANIE NEIM-YUNG

General Practice Residency

Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT

- *Dr. Robert G. Levine Award*
- *The Brian D. Stone Student Memorial Award*

WARD, ZACHARY DAVID

Advanced Education in General Dentistry

University of California Los Angeles
Dental Center at Venice, Venice, CA

ZAMBRELLO, MATTHEW ALFRED

Advanced Education in General Dentistry

University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, Farmington, CT

Medical School Graduates

ABBOTT, LAUREN

Internal Medicine

Portsmouth Regional Hospital, Portsmouth, NH

ALDAY, SANTIAGO

Internal Medicine

University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

ARONOW, BENJAMIN ETHAN

Medicine-Preliminary

University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

Then, Anesthesiology

Boston University Medical Center, Boston, MA

ATTEH, ELIZABETH OMOLADE

Pediatrics

Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

BARON, SAMUEL LEWIS

Surgery-Preliminary

University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

BARRESI, NICHOLAS VINCENT

Pediatrics

Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

BARROS, ANASTASIA MARIE

Pediatrics

Children’s National Medical Center, Washington, DC

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

BARTHOLOMEO, ADAM MAYO

Pediatrics

Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

- *Student Affairs Award*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

BEAUVAIS, DANIEL ERIC

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, Farmington, CT

BELLAS, NICHOLAS JOSEPH

Orthopaedic Surgery

University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*
- *The Ramanlal and Kanchan Bulsara Fellowship*

BERGAMO, PATRICK WALKER

Anesthesiology

University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

- *Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductee*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

BOIVIN, ZACHARY STEVEN

Emergency Medicine

University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

BULLER, DYLAN MAX*Urology*

University of Connecticut School of Medicine,
Farmington, CT

- *School of Medicine Award for Excellence in Urology*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

CALAFIORE, REBECCA LYNN*Neurological Surgery*

Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center,
Winston-Salem, NC

- *Connecticut Chapter of American College of Surgeons*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

CAPLASH, SONNY*Transitional Year*

UPMC Medical Education, Pittsburgh, PA

Then, Ophthalmology

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

- *School of Medicine Award for Excellence in Ophthalmology*

CARANFA, JONATHAN THOMAS*Transitional Year*

Eastern Connecticut Health Network,
Manchester, CT

Then, Ophthalmology

New England Eye Center, Boston, MA

- *Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductee*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*
- *School of Medicine Professionalism Award*

CHEN, ERIC*Psychiatry*

Tufts Medical Center, Boston, MA

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

CHENG, CHRISTOPHER*Orthopaedic Surgery*

Case Western University Hospitals Cleveland
Medical Center, Cleveland, OH

CROOKS, SAMUEL ROBERT*Pediatrics*

University of Alabama Medical Center,
Birmingham, AL

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

CUSANO, SEAN ANTHONY*Interventional Radiology-Integrated*

Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY

DAO, QUYNH-LAN*Internal Medicine*

Rhode Island Hospital/Brown University,
Providence, RI

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

DEMARSILIS, ANTEA JEAN*Internal Medicine*

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center,
Boston, MA

- *Academic Achievement Award for Outstanding Women*
- *Deans' Award for Overall Academic Achievement*
- *Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductee*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

DESAI, SHYAM ISHVAR*Pediatrics*

New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia
University Medical Center, New York, NY

- *Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award*
- *Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductee*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

DEWANE, MADELINE*Internal Medicine Medicine – Preliminary*

Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT

Then, Dermatology

Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

- *Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductee*
- *University of Connecticut Health Center Auxiliary Award*

DI COSMO, ALYSSA MARIE*Transitional Year*

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center,
Boston, MA

Then, Radiology-Diagnostic

University of Vermont Medical Center,
Burlington, VT

DI FRANCESCO, ALICE A.*Anesthesiology*

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, PA

- *School of Medicine Professionalism Award*

DONAGHEY, FAITH HOILIN*Psychiatry*

Harvard South Shore, Brockton, MA

- *Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductee*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

DUONG, MICHELLE THUY MAI*Internal Medicine*

MedStar Georgetown University Hospital,
Washington, DC

- *Carl F. Hinz, Jr. Award - For Excellence in Scholars in Medicine*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

FERRARI, CAMILLO A.*Family Medicine*

Eastern Connecticut Health Network,
Manchester, CT

FERRIGNO, BRYAN WILLIAM*Internal Medicine*

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center,
Boston, MA

- *Internal Medicine Award*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

FREDERICO, NICHOLAS M.*Emergency Medicine*

University of Connecticut School of Medicine,
Farmington, CT

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

Kathryn Topalis — School of Medicine Student Speaker

For Kathryn Topalis and her classmates, the final weeks of medical school have been drastically different than what they expected before the coronavirus changed our world. And for many of them, including Topalis, they'll soon be among the frontline providers battling COVID-19.

Topalis is doing her residency in family medicine at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. She will be doing her first rotation in the hospital at about the same time coronavirus cases are expected to peak there.

Because of coronavirus concerns, the class of 2020 is the first to have a virtual Match Day and Commencement ceremony. But it will also be remembered as the first class to embark on the school's new MDelta curriculum, which focuses on team-based learning and advanced clinical skills training.

"It's always hard being the first of anything, but I don't think I would have gotten to know my classmates as well if we hadn't been interacting so closely in the classroom," says Topalis. "It really is a valuable and forward-thinking approach.

You can see it in action now as health care providers across the spectrum are teaming up to battle the coronavirus."

Topalis grew up in Simsbury, Connecticut and says that even though both of her parents work in health care — her mom is a nurse and father a pharmacist — her decision to enter medicine was not an easy one.

Some of her experiences during and after college focusing on sustainability and public health issues made her realize that medicine was an avenue where she could pursue all of her interests.

"Going into medicine, I could continue looking into environmental issues from the public health perspective and really learning about people's lives, their backgrounds, where they live, and how that impacts their health and overall well-being," she says. "My dream is to remain a clinical provider but also to eventually have a large public health research component to my practice."

A goal we can appreciate as we all face the deadly challenges of a global pandemic.

"It's impossible now to unlink medicine and public health," she adds. "It's one and the same. And even though we try to remain in our silos, I think we can see that we need a strong public health system now more than ever."

GIULIANO, ALEXANDER SEBASTIAN

Emergency Medicine

Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY

- *Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductee*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

GUPTA, SIMRAN

Internal Medicine

Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Scottsdale, AZ

HALE, JENNIFER ROSE

General Surgery

University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

HARABASZ, AGATA KATARZYNA

Family Medicine

Middlesex Hospital, Middletown, CT

- *James E. C. Walker, M.D. Medicine and Society Award - Primary Care*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

HARRIS, NIA MARIE

Psychiatry

New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, New York, NY

- *Health Career Opportunity Programs Bridge Mentoring Award*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

HARRY-HERNANDEZ, SALEM

Internal Medicine

Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD

- *James H. Foster, M.D. Teaching Award*
- *Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductee*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

HASAN, RABALE

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Stony Brook Teaching Hospitals, Stony Brook, NY

- *Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductee*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

HAYNES, RAFIQUE

Neurology

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

HOCHMAN, EDWARD

Medicine-Dermatology

MedStar Washington Hospital Center, Washington, DC

ISCH, EMILY LYNN

General Surgery

Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA

- *Faculty Award for Overall Academic Excellence*

IYER, DIVYA GOPALAKRISHNAN

Internal Medicine

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY

- *Faculty Award for Overall Academic Excellence*

JACKVONY, TAYLOR NICOLE

Pediatrics

New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, New York, NY

- *Linda Ives Award*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

KERINS, GERARD JOSEPH

Anesthesiology

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH

- *Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductee*

KOZAL, JARED MICHAEL

Family Medicine

University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

LAWSON, JENNIFER ASHLEY

Pediatrics

Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT

- *James H. Foster, M.D. Teaching Award*

LIPNER, KAITLIN VICTORIA

Emergency Medicine

Rhode Island Hospital/Brown University, Providence, RI

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

MAHONY, FORREST PATRICK

Emergency Medicine

University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

MANCINI, NICKOLAS SALVATORE

Surgery - Preliminary

University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

MANNAVA, SINDHU VASINI

General Surgery

Spectrum Health/Michigan State University, Grand Rapids, MI

- *Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductee*

MARQUIS, TIMOTHY JAMES

Internal Medicine

Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

MCCARTHY, MORGAN LINDSAY

Emergency Medicine

Northwestern McGaw/Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

MOHIUDDIN, MASCHAL

Psychiatry

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA

- *Excellence in Psychiatry Award*

MOSKALIK, ANZHELA D.

Surgery-Preliminary

NYU Grossman School Of Medicine, New York, NY

- *Faculty Award for Overall Academic Excellence*

MULRY, ERIN NICOLE

Otolaryngology

University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

MURPHY, MATTHEW

Orthopaedic Surgery

Beaumont Health, Royal Oak, MI

NEAL, JONATHAN BRYSON

Anesthesiology

University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

NEDOROSTEK, KELLY ELIZABETH

Pediatrics

University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

- *The Connecticut Children's Medical Center Community Service Award*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

NSEREKO, ALOYS

General Surgery

Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, MA

- *Health Career Opportunity Programs Bridge Mentoring Award*

NWAOBASI, AMY NGOZIKA

Family Medicine

Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

OHEMENG, KWAKU KONADU

Anesthesiology

SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY

OJUKWU, MARY OGECHUKWU

Psychiatry

Richmond University Medical Center, Staten Island, NY

ORTIZ COLÓN, JORGE GABRIEL

Pediatrics

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

- *Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductee*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

PARK, JENNIFER EUN KYONG

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

- *James F.X. Egan Medical Student Award*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

PARSONS, CHRISTINE

Internal Medicine

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

PASHANKAR, RASHMI DINESH

Pediatrics

Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD

- *The Department of Pediatrics Chair's Award for Innovation in Pediatric Education*

PAVANO, COLIN JAMES

Orthopaedic Surgery

University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*
- *Faculty Award for Overall Academic Excellence*

PIER, BRENDAN WILLIAM*Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*

Northwestern McGaw/Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

QUENTAL, ANGELA SUSANA ABRANTES*Internal Medicine*

University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

- *James E. C. Walker, M.D. Medicine and Society Award - Public Health*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

RABAH, WILLEED*Emergency Medicine*

Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

RAHMAN, KHALIL KEEFE*Otolaryngology*

University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

REID, SARAH ELISE*Internal Medicine*

University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

ROBEY, KYLE PATRICK*Internal Medicine*

University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

Then, Radiology-Diagnostic

Boston University Medical Center, Boston, MA

ROBIN, DARNELL*General Surgery*

Howard University Hospital, Washington, DC

- *Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductee*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

RODRIGUES, SONALI ANN*Internal Medicine*

University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

- *American College of Physicians Award - CT Chapter Award*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

RYAN, JOSEPH MICHAEL*Transitional Year*

Eastern CT Health Network, Manchester, CT

Then, Radiology-Diagnostic

University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

SABA, NICHOLAS JOHN*Transitional Year*

Eastern CT Health Network, Manchester, CT

Then, Ophthalmology

SUNY Downstate Medical Center,

Brooklyn, NY

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

SARDI, JUSTIN DANIEL*Transitional Year*

Bassett Medical Center, Cooperstown, NY

Then, Radiology-Diagnostic

Mount Auburn Hospital, Cambridge, MA

SCHUMAN, BROOKE A.*Pediatrics*

NYU Grossman School of Medicine, New York, NY

- *New England Pediatric Society Award*
- *Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductee*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

SERDAH, MOHANED SALIM*Internal Medicine*

University of Rochester/Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, NY

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

SHORE, BRANDON MATTHEW*Internal Medicine*

University of North Carolina Hospitals, Chapel Hill, NC

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

SINOPOLI, MARTINA ALYSSA*Psychiatry*

Harvard South Shore, Brockton, MA

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

SKOGSHOLM, LAUREN*Neurology*

University of Vermont Medical Center,

Burlington, VT

SLOVAK, RYAN JOSEPH*Internal Medicine*

Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT

Then, Interventional Radiology

Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

SOUTHGATE, SAMUEL JOSEPH*Emergency Medicine*

HealthPartners Institute, St. Paul, MN

- *Society of Academic Emergency Medicine Award*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

SPARKS, DEVIKA DHANDAPANI*Pediatrics*

Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT

SPENCER, TIAHNA ASHLEY LESTINA*Surgery-Preliminary*

University of Connecticut School of Medicine,

Farmington, CT

TADROS, AMIR KARIM*Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*

University of Connecticut School of

Dental Medicine, Farmington, CT

TOPALIS, KATHRYN MARY*Family Medicine*

Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA

- *Commencement Student Speaker*
- *Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductee*
- *Dr. David and Arthur Schuman Award*

TSENG, LANYA*Anesthesiology*

Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

UPADHYAY, VRUKSHA*Internal Medicine*

Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

VAN AKIN, CHRISTOPHER A.*Surgery-Preliminary*

University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

VICÉNS CARDONA, CAROLINA*Psychiatry*

Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT

VISSEPÓ BARBA, RAFAEL A.*Internal Medicine*

New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia

University Medical Center, New York, NY

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

VU, STEPHANIE PHAM*Medicine-Preliminary*

University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

Then, Neurology

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA

- *Jan Wilms, M.D. and Carol Pfeiffer, Ph.D. Award for Excellence in Clinical Skills*
- *American Academy of Neurology Award*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

WAGNER, KRISTINA MARIE*Pediatrics*

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

- *Jan Wilms, M.D. & Carol Pfeiffer, Ph.D. Award for Excellence in Clinical Skills*
- *New England Pediatric Society Award*
- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

WANG, YANBIN*Obstetrics and Gynecology*

Saint Francis Hospital, Hartford, CT

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

WILSON REARDON, MIRYAM HANNAH*Family Medicine*

Mountain Area Health Education Center, Asheville, NC

- *CT Academy of Family Physicians Award*
- *Lyman Stowe Award*
- *Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductee*

YANG, CHRISTINA*Pediatrics*

University of Washington Affiliated Hospitals, Seattle, WA

- *Certificate in Social Determinants of Health and Disparities*

YU, ALBERT SAE*Internal Medicine*

Kaiser Permanente, Los Angeles, CA

Medals and Awards



Alan Lurie, D.D.S., Ph.D.

The 2020 UConn Health Board of Directors Faculty Recognition Award recipient is Alan G. Lurie, D.D.S., Ph.D.

Dr. Lurie is professor and chair of the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Diagnostic Sciences and chair of the Section of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, Department of Oral Health and Diagnostic Sciences, at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine.

He has been a full-time dental school faculty member since 1973 and, during that time, he has led R0-1 research on radiation carcinogenesis, administered predoctoral and graduate educational programs, led students on service trips to South America, and performed imaging care on patients in both dental and medical radiology settings.

He is a co-founder of the UConn Multidisciplinary Head and Neck Cancer Clinic and a member of numerous dental school and institutional committees. Dr. Lurie has more than 100 publications in the refereed literature, and numerous presentations to local, state, national, and international organizations.

Dr. Lurie was senior co-chair of the National Committee for Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP) Scientific Committee 4-5, which recently published a new NCRP Report, Report No. 177, Radiation Protection and Safety in Dentistry and Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology.

“It’s an honor to be recognized by UConn Health’s Board of Directors,” Lurie said. “I’m grateful for all of the opportunities that have been afforded to me during my time at UConn Health, and I look forward to continuing to give back to my faculty colleagues, patients, and students.”



Jonathan Feldman, D.M.D., Alumni Representative

Dr. Jonathan Feldman received his dental degree (D.M.D.) at the University of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine in 1994 and completed his three-year orthodontic residency with a Masters in Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1997. That same year he joined his dad in private practice. In 2005, he received Diplomate status in the American Board of Orthodontics.

He joined the UConn Department of Orthodontics as a part-time clinical professor in 1997. He has been teaching orthodontic residents once a week ever since.

Dr. Jonny lives in Cheshire with his wife, Debbie, a practicing OB/Gyn physician. The two met in their first year, class of 1994, when they were lab partners. They have two daughters, Allison and Sarah. In his spare time, he enjoys skiing, golfing, running, mountain biking, and hockey.

The Edward G. Henderson Memorial Prize

The Edward G. Henderson Memorial Prize for the outstanding Ph.D. dissertation in the Biomedical Science Ph.D. program was established in honor of Dr. Edward G. Henderson, one of the first faculty of UConn Health.

1997 – Yinqun Huang
1998 – Christopher Lukonis
1999 – Dong Yu
2000 – Monica Chander
2001 – Christopher Hayes
2002 – David Masopust

2003 – Lisa Spencer
2004 – Warren D’Souza
2005 – Jy-Hye Paik
2006 – Brianna Sollod
McFarland
2007 – Scott Robson

2008 – Birgit Fogal
2009 – Anjali Mandlik
2010 – Jeremy McAleer
2011 – Anna Moore
2012 – William Housley
2013 – Kareem Mohni

2014 – Sonali Ghosh
2015 – Matthew Hammond
2016 – Nitika Bajatia
2017 – Dhivya Kumar
2018 – James Fink
2019 – Alexandra Nicaise

The Mulvihill Medal

Lina Elise Smith is recipient of The Mulvihill Medal, awarded to the outstanding Master of Public Health graduate of 2019-2020. The award recognizes students for their exemplary academic record and the quality of their capstones.

The Mulvihill Medal was established by Dr. James E. and Mary Jane Mulvihill. Dr. Mulvihill was vice president, provost, and executive director of UConn Health from 1980 to 1992. His commitment to graduate public health education at UConn Health was instrumental in enabling the program to begin and thrive. During Dr. Mulvihill’s tenure, Mary Jane Mulvihill worked tirelessly on behalf of UConn Health. Subsequently, in 1998, she received her Master of Public Health degree from UConn.

The Susan S. Addiss Award

Audrey Blondin is recipient of the Susan S. Addiss Award in Applied Public Health Practice. The award recognizes the graduating M.P.H. student who best exemplifies the qualities of Susan Addiss: public health advocacy, leadership, demonstrated commitment to the community, and academic performance.

Ms. Addiss is a former commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Public Health and Addiction Services. She had a long and exemplary career in state and local public health and served as president of the American Public Health Association as well as the Connecticut Public Health Association. She was a longstanding chair of the UConn Public Health Advisory Committee.

Medals and Awards

FACULTY AWARDS

Faculty members wearing pewter medals are the winners of the two faculty awards, the Charles N. Loeser Award and the Kaiser Permanente Teaching Award.

The awards are based on student votes.

LAURIE CAINES, M.D.

Charles N. Loeser Award

Recognizes an educator with the ability to evoke in students an enthusiasm for learning and a desire to emulate his/her own attributes of scholarly curiosity, and give wholeheartedly of themselves to advance the welfare and educations of students. Dr. Caines is an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine.

MICHAEL BALDWIN, M.D.

Kaiser Permanente Teaching Award

For excellence in teaching in the clinical sciences. Dr. Baldwin is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Radiology.

CHRISTY LOTTINGER, D.D.S.

Kaiser Permanente Teaching Award

For excellence in teaching in the clinical sciences. Dr. Lottinger is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

RONALD ALBERT, D.M.D.

South Park Inn Dental Clinic Award

For outstanding service to the community. Dr. Albert is an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Division of General Dentistry.

JONATHAN PENDLETON, M.D.

South Park Inn Medical Clinic Award

For outstanding service to the community. A primary care internist who served the Plainville, CT community for nearly forty years. Dr. Pendleton is an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Medicine.

KIRSTEN L. EK, M.D.

Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award

For consistently demonstrating compassion and empathy in the delivery of care to patients and exhibiting the highest standard of humanism in medicine. Dr. Ek is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine.

OATH OF HIPPOCRATES

At this time of being admitted as a member of the medical profession I solemnly pledge myself to the service of humanity. I will give to my teachers the respect and gratitude which are their due. I will practice my profession with conscience and dignity. The health of my patient will be my first consideration. I will respect the secrets which are confided in me. I will maintain by all the means in my power the honor and noble traditions of the medical profession. My colleagues will be my brothers and sisters. I will not permit consideration of religion, nationality, race or social standing to intervene between my duty and my patients. I will maintain the utmost respect for human life even under threat. I will not use my medical knowledge contrary to the laws of humanity. I make these promises solemnly, freely and upon my honor.

Formulated by the World Health Association in Geneva, 1948 (Modified)

THANK YOU

Thank you to the University of Connecticut Foundation along with the School of Medicine, School of Dental Medicine, and Graduate School for providing gifts for this year's graduates.

This is UConn Health's 49th commencement. The Class of 2020, graduating today, will add 100 physicians and 52 dentists to the roster of those with M.D. and D.M.D. degrees earned at UConn Health. After today's ceremonies, the roster will number 3,766 physicians and 1,798 dentists.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

During their first three years of medical school, UConn Medical students are given the unique opportunity of working side by side with physician preceptors in their primary care and specialist offices throughout the state as part of the Clinical Longitudinal Immersion in the Community (CLIC) program. This program allows students to develop and hone the patient care skills that they will utilize throughout their careers. On behalf of the University, we would like to acknowledge the many pediatricians, general internists, family physicians and subspecialists whose commitment to medical education makes the CLIC program a cornerstone of the UConn medical school curriculum and one of our students' most influential and memorable learning experiences.

Anton Alerte, M.D. '98,

Medical Director, Clinical Longitudinal Immersion in the Community Program

Amy Chmielewski,

M.S., Administrative Director, Clinical Longitudinal Immersion in the Community Program

THANK YOU

The School of Dental Medicine extends a genuine gratitude to those community partners and volunteer faculty who have helped the Class of 2020 advance from aspiring students to competent practitioners. These individuals serve as mentors, role models, preceptors, and translators of theory into clinical application and practice. Their efforts and contributions to the education and professional development of our graduates are recognized and deeply appreciated.

Sarita Arteaga, D.M.D. '90, M.A., Associate Dean for Students

Charles N. Loeser
Award Winners

1975 - Dr. Robert Volle
1976 - Dr. Creighton Phelps
1977 - Dr. Joseph Grasso
1978 - Dr. Dudley Watkins
1979 - Dr. Robert Jungas
1980 - Dr. Joseph Healey
1981 - Dr. Kent Morest
1982 - Dr. Dudley Watkins
1983 - Dr. Yvonne Grimm-Jorgensen
1984 - Dr. Achilles Pappano
1985 - Dr. Bruce Koeppen
1986 - Dr. Bruce Koeppen
1987 - Dr. Bruce Koeppen
1988 - Dr. Laurinda Jaffe
1989 - Dr. Bruce Koeppen
1990 - Dr. Achilles Pappano
1991 - Dr. David Hill
1992 - Dr. Dominick Cinti
1993 - Dr. David Hill and
Dr. Achilles Pappano
1994 - Joseph M. Healey, Jr.
(in memoriam)
1995 - Dr. Arnold Katz
1996 - Dr. Achilles Pappano
1997 - Dr. Richard Zeff
1998 - Dr. Giles Scofield
1999 - Dr. Richard Zeff
2000 - Dr. Robert Bona
2001 - Dr. Thomas Manger
2002 - Dr. Dominick Cinti
2003 - Dr. Richard Zeff
2004 - Dr. Dale Matheson
2005 - Dr. Dan Henry
2006 - Dr. Robert Bona
2007 - Dr. Yvonne Grimm-Jorgensen
2008 - Dr. Dan Henry
2009 - Dr. Dan Henry
2010 - Dr. Dan Henry
2011 - Dr. Robert Bona
2012 - Dr. M. Melinda Sanders
2013 - Dr. Karen Hook
2014 - Dr. Jason Ryan
2015 - Dr. Karen Hook
2016 - Dr. Kevin Dieckhaus
2017 - Dr. Jason Ryan
2018 - Dr. James Watras
2019 - Dr. Easwar Natarajan
2020 - Dr. Laurie Caines

Kaiser Permanente Teaching
Award Winners: Medical

1983 - Dr. Anthony Voytovich
1984 - Dr. Donald Becker
1985 - Dr. Arthur Riba
1986 - Dr. John Russell
1987 - Dr. Paul Dworkin
1988 - Dr. John Koulous
1989 - Dr. Sharon Diamen
1990 - Dr. Arthur Riba
1991 - Dr. Sharon Diamen
1992 - Dr. James Foster
1993 - Dr. Dan Henry
1994 - Dr. Dan Henry
1995 - Dr. Dan Henry
1996 - Dr. Dan Henry
1997 - Dr. Dan Henry
1998 - Dr. Thomas Van Hoof
1999 - Dr. Thomas Regan
2000 - Dr. Thomas Regan
2001 - Dr. Thomas Regan
2002 - Dr. Thomas Regan
2003 - Dr. Joseph Palmisano
2004 - Dr. Joseph Palmisano
2005 - Dr. Joseph Palmisano
2006 - Dr. Joseph Palmisano
2007 - Dr. Robert Bona
2008 - Dr. Robert Bona
2009 - Dr. Raymond Foley
2010 - Dr. Anthony Ardolino
2011 - Dr. Harold Moskowitz
2012 - Dr. Christopher Morosky
2013 - Dr. Raymond Foley
2014 - Dr. Raymond Foley
2015 - Dr. Karen Hook
2016 - Dr. Christopher Morosky
2017 - Dr. Christopher Morosky
2018 - Dr. Christopher Morosky
2019 - Dr. Michael Baldwin
2020 - Dr. Michael Baldwin

Kaiser Permanente Teaching
Award Winners: Dental

1983 - Dr. Rahmat Barkhordar
1984 - Dr. Elizabeth Rydinge
1985 - Dr. Hamid Nikoukari
1986 - Dr. Russell Gilpatrick
1987 - Dr. Ellen Eisenberg
1988 - Dr. Ellen Eisenberg
1989 - Dr. Hamid Nikoukari
1990 - Dr. Martin Freilich
1991 - Dr. Reza Kazemi
1992 - Dr. Andrew Ponichtera
1993 - Dr. David Shafer
1994 - Dr. Andrew Ponichtera
1995 - Dr. Andrew Ponichtera
1996 - Dr. A. Michael Brown
1997 - Dr. Jonathan C. Meiers
1998 - Dr. Melissa E. Ing
1999 - Dr. Dale E. Wilcox
2000 - Dr. Ellen Eisenberg
2001 - Dr. Jonathan C. Meiers
2002 - Dr. Martin Freilich
2003 - Dr. Jonathan Meiers
2004 - Dr. Michael T. Goupil
2005 - Dr. Jonathan Meiers
2006 - Dr. Frank Nichols
2007 - Dr. Frank Nichols
2008 - Dr. Jonathan C. Meiers
2009 - Dr. Jonathan C. Meiers
2010 - Dr. Jonathan C. Meiers
2011 - Dr. Melissa Ing
2012 - Dr. Jonathan C. Meiers
2013 - Dr. Jacqueline P. Duncan
2014 - Dr. Ajay K. Dhingra
2015 - Dr. Felipe Porto
2016 - Dr. Ajay K. Dhingra
2017 - Dr. Patchanee Rungruananunt
2018 - Dr. Geraldine Weinstein
2019 - Dr. Easwar Natarajan
2020 - Dr. Christy Lottinger

Osborn Award for Excellence
in Graduate Teaching in
Biomedical Science

2005 - Dr. William Mohler
2006 - Dr. Peter Setlow
2007 - Dr. Robert Clark
2008 - Dr. Barbara Kream
2009 - Dr. Ann Cowan
2010 - Dr. Gordon Carmichael
2011 - Dr. Asis Das
2012 - Dr. Elizabeth Eipper
2013 - Dr. Stormy Chamberlain
2014 - Dr. Eric Levine
2015 - Dr. Stephen Crocker
2016 - Dr. Robert Clark and
Dr. Gordon Carmichael
2017 - Dr. Kimberly Dodge-Kafka
2018 - Dr. Phillip Smith
2019 - Dr. Irina Bezsonova

Delta Omega
Honor Society

2008 - Scott Wetstone, M.D.
2009 - Joan Segal, M.A., M.S.
2010 - Jane Ungemack, Dr. P.H.
2012 - Paul M. Schur, M.P.H.
2013 - David Gregorio, Ph.D., M.S.
2015 - Stephen Schensul, Ph.D.
2016 - Helen Swede, Ph.D.
2018 - Audrey Chapman, Ph.D.,
M.Div., STM

Retired Faculty Inducted as
Honorary Members

2008 - Holger Hansen, M.D., Dr. P.H.
2009 - Judy Lewis, M.Phil.
2010 - James Mulvihill, D.M.D.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

Back in March when the decision was made to cancel the University-wide Commencement ceremonies, we were faced with a challenge very new and different to us. The celebration of our graduates' accomplishments had to go on in a meaningful and memorable way. We may not be sharing physical space today but we are one in the celebration of these accomplishments.

In preparation for this virtual commencement, representatives from numerous University departments on both campuses, Farmington and Storrs, came together quickly to make this ceremony a reality. To everyone involved, thank you. By remotely creating your messages, offering virtual congratulations and applause, assisting with write-ups and media production, editing videos, providing technical support, and pitching in wherever needed, we extend a very special thank you. Hard work and collaboration has resulted in making this day a true virtual celebration!

To those among us who have been on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic working to keep all of us safe, we extend a heartfelt thank you. These are truly extraordinary times, and your courage and resolve is inspirational. First responders and essential workers, along with today's graduates, we celebrate you!

With sincere gratitude and appreciation,

The Commencement Committee

ENDOWED CHAIRS

ACADEMIC CHAIRS ESTABLISHED AND CHAIR HOLDERS

*The gold medal designates the academic chair holders.
The blue and white ribbons holding the medal represent the University's colors.*

**Albert and Wilda Van Dusen Chair
in Academic Medicine**

Cato T. Laurencin, M.D., Ph.D.

**Boehringer Ingelheim Chair
in Immunology**

Anthony T. Vella, Ph.D.

**Boehringer Ingelheim Professor
in Cell Sciences**

Leslie Loew, Ph.D.

Chase Family Chair in Juvenile Diabetes

Cem S. Demirci, M.D.

**Dr. Charles J. Burstone Endowed
Professorship in Orthodontics**

Flavio Uribe, D.D.S., M.D.S.

**Dr. Manfred J. Sakel Distinguished
Chair in Psychiatry**

Andrew Winokur, M.D., Ph.D.

**Dr. Thomas D. Taylor Chair
in Prosthodontics**

(To Be Named)

**Eversource Energy Chair in
Experimental Oncology**

Pramod K. Srivastava, Ph.D., M.D.

**Harry and Helen Gray/Harry R. Goss-
ling, MD Chair in Orthopaedic Surgery**

Augustus D. Mazzocca, MS MD

**Hartford Whalers Chair
in Children's Cancer**

Michael S. Isakoff, MD

**Healey Chair in Medical Humanities
and Bioethics**

Audrey Chapman, Ph.D., M.Div., S.T.M.

**Health Net, Inc. - American Red Cross
Chair in Transfusion Medicine**

(To Be Named)

**Health Net, Inc. Chair in Alcohol and
Substance Abuse**

Victor M. Hesselbrock, Ph.D.

Health Net, Inc. Chair in Cancer Biology

Daniel Rosenberg, Ph.D.

**Health Net, Inc. Chair in Community
Medicine and Public Health**

Doug Brugge, Ph.D., M.S.

**Health Net, Inc. Chair in Genetics
and Developmental Biology**

Brenton R. Graveley, Ph.D.

**Health Net, Inc. Chair in Geriatrics
and Gerontology**

Richard H. Fortinsky, Ph.D.

**Health Net, Inc. Chair in Human
Genetics**

David W. Rowe, M.D.

**Health Net, Inc. Chair in
Maternal-Fetal Medicine**

Winston A. Campbell, M.D.

**Herman Lopata Chair in
Hepatitis Research**

George Y. Wu, M.D., Ph.D.

**James E.C. Walker M.D./Health Net, Inc.
Chair in Primary Care Medicine**

Cheryl A. Oncken, M.D., M.P.H.

**Janice and Rodney Reynolds Chair
in Neurobiology**

Manuel Castro-Alamancos, Ph.D.

**John A. and Florence Mattern Solomon
Endowed Chair in Vision Biology and
Eye Diseases**

Royce Mohan, Ph.D.

**John and Donna Krenicki Professor in
Genomics and Personalized Healthcare**

(To Be Named)

**Linda and David Roth Chair
in Cardiovascular Research**

Annabelle Rodriguez-Oquendo, M.D.

**Lockean Distinguished Chair in
Mental Health Education, Research,
and Clinical Improvement**

(To Be Named)

**Murray-Heilig Chair in Molecular
Medicine**

Andrew Arnold, M.D.

Murray-Heilig Chair in Surgery

David W. McFadden, M.D.

**Pat and Jim Calhoun Associate
Professor in Cardiology**

(To Be Named)

**Ray Neag Distinguished Chair
in Vascular Biology**

Bruce T. Liang, M.D.

**Samuel "Sy" Birnbaum/Ida, Louis and
Richard Blum Chair in Psychiatry**

David C. Steffens, MD, MHS

Scoville Chair in Neuroscience

Riqiang Yan, Ph.D.

**State of Connecticut Board of
Governors for Higher Education
Chair in Infectious Diseases**

Kevin Dieckhaus, M.D.

**The Travelers Chair in Geriatrics
and Gerontology**

George A. Kuchel, M.D.

**UConn Orthodontic Alumni/Nanda
Orthodontics Chair**

(To Be Named)