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SCHOOLS OF MEDICINE AND DENTAL MEDICINE

The Joseph M. Healey, Jr. 2022 Convocation

FOR THE
CLASSES OF 2026

August 11, 2022

8:00 a.m.

Keller Auditorium

The Convocation Themes

Convocation honors the entering classes and has been held at the beginning of each academic year since 1985. The dual theme of convocation is the importance of viewing medicine and dentistry as vocations of service to others, and the need for physicians and dentists to maintain interest and activity beyond the health care sciences to assure a sense of balance and perspective in their personal and professional lives.

Musical Selections

The Climb
by
Miley Cyrus

Lean on Me
by
Bill Withers

We Are The World
by
Michael Jackson

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Master of Ceremonies

Mr. Shivam Patel M'24
MDSG Immediate Past President

Welcome

Administration

Dr. Bruce T. Liang
Dean, School of Medicine
Dr. Steven M. Lepowsky
Dean, School of Dental Medicine

Faculty

Dr. Martin Freilich
Professor, Department of Reconstructive Sciences
2022 Kaiser Permanente Teaching Award Winner

Musical Interlude

Mr. Dedrian Barrett D'25
"Climb"

Student Address

Mr. Rohit Makol M'25
MDSG President 2022-2023

Musical Interlude

Mr. Frank Amaefuna D'24
"Lean on Me"

Featured Speaker

Dr. Alise Frallicciardi
School of Medicine
Class of 2008

Musical Interlude

Mr. Frank Amaefuna and Mr. Dedrian Barrett
"We Are the World"

**Alise Frallicciardi, M.D.
Class of 2008**

School of Medicine



Alise Frallicciardi, MD, MS, MBA (she/her)

Dr. Alise Frallicciardi attended University of Connecticut (UConn) for her undergraduate degree in Nutritional Biochemistry. Subsequently, she completed a MS in Biomedical Sciences from Colorado State University. Dr. Frallicciardi earned her MD from the UConn School of Medicine.

She stayed at UConn for an Emergency Medicine (EM) Residency. She completed a fellowship in Healthcare Simulation from Hartford Hospital and an MBA at University of Massachusetts Isenberg School of Business.

Dr. Frallicciardi continued her academic medical career at Hartford Hospital where she served as an Emergency Physician, Assistant Residency Director for Emergency Medicine, and Director of EM Simulation.

From 2016-2019 she served as Simulation Director at the UConn School of Medicine. Currently, she is the Medical Director of the Emergency Department at UConn Health and an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine.

Her professional interests include emergency department and hospital administration, resident and medical student education, healthcare simulation, patient safety and the patient experience.

She resides in CT with her spouse and 3 children.

Joseph M. Healey, Jr., J.D. (1947-1993)

When Joseph Healey died in 1993, a former medical student said that he couldn't quite picture the School of Medicine without him, a sentiment shared universally by colleagues and two decades of students.



Professor Healey joined the faculty of the School of Medicine in 1975 in the Division of Humanistic Studies in Medicine. His official role was to teach students how law and medicine interact and to lend his legal knowledge to discussions of social policy, including patient rights, the doctor-patient relationship, malpractice, and end-of-life issues.

His influence quickly extended far beyond his "official" role. He soon was called "Jay" by colleagues and students who flocked to discuss everything from issues facing health-care providers to baseball, one of his passions.

Soon after his arrival at the Health Center, Professor Healey described his position in this way: "My job is not to give the answers, but to ask the difficult questions."

He asked these questions constantly in the first-year course, "Legal and Ethical Aspects of Medicine and Dentistry," which he established. Students responded enthusiastically to his probing, but respectful, questioning of their views. Six classes awarded him certificates for outstanding teaching. In 1980 he won the coveted Loeser Award for teaching excellence, awarded by the second-year class. Another Loeser Award was given to him posthumously.

Fellow faculty members also responded to his warmth and intelligence. They elected him chairman of the faculty council from 1979 to 1981, a tribute to a lawyer from physicians and dentists.

At the 1988 Commencement, Jay offered the following thoughts. They serve as fitting remarks for welcoming classes today: "In the quiet moments, when we can see through our pretensions and be most honest with ourselves, we recognize the debts we owe to others. We affirm, to paraphrase Robert Coles, the importance of making the effort to live our lives uphill, against the discouragements around us, in such a way as to explore the mysteries, to take on the tragedies, the evils, the joys of living, in such a way as to reduce the pain and spare each other at least some of life's nonsense. These are the gifts to others which truly enhance our own lives."

"...you will have many opportunities to make such gifts, and such generosity should always be at the core of your vision...It is no false sense of humility which results in the recognition of how much we owe each other and how great is our obligation to give in return for all that has been given to us."



Past Student Speakers



Benjamin Abt	Brendan Campbell	Christopher Gibson	Patrick Pollak
Selorm Adzaku	David Carter	Kathaleen Gravel	Andrew Putnam
Ami Amini	Mary Cearley	Christopher Hanrahan	Donna Randall
Ashley Amini	Leila Chahine	Alaina Kessler	Kristen Russomanno
Mark Anestis	Kevin Clark	Peter Khang	Gregory Rutkowski
Stefanie Aquilina	Joy Cocchiola	Todd Kiskaddon	Eric Sassu
Greg Armstrong	Adam Cohen	Sharon Langshur	Kierstin Savastano
Linda Arnold	David Cordes	Meg McNamara	Rachel Schultz
Aaron Baggish	Carmelina D'Arro	Mirna Mohanraj	Miriam Sedrak
Adam Bartholomeo	Susan Diaz	Uju Momah	Christine Shapter
Cheyenne Beach	Sarah Dry	Christopher Morosky	Perry Smith
Miriam Bergman	Cathy Dukasz	Kathleen N. Mueller	Dave Sobanski
Carl Berliner	Kirsten Ek	John Nano	Tarryn Strating
Christopher Bessette	David Fantarella	Timothy O'Brien	Alexis Wasserman
Jeffrey Blasius	Jonathan Feldman	Joshua Osborne	Kathleen White
Sarah Jane Borch	Sarah Fleet	Adrian Pacheco	Kathryn Wilhelms
Lisa Brailey	Colleen Fogarty	Kelly Palchik	Emily Wilkins
Vernon Burke	Cavelle Gallant	Shivam Patel	David Woods
			Michael Woods