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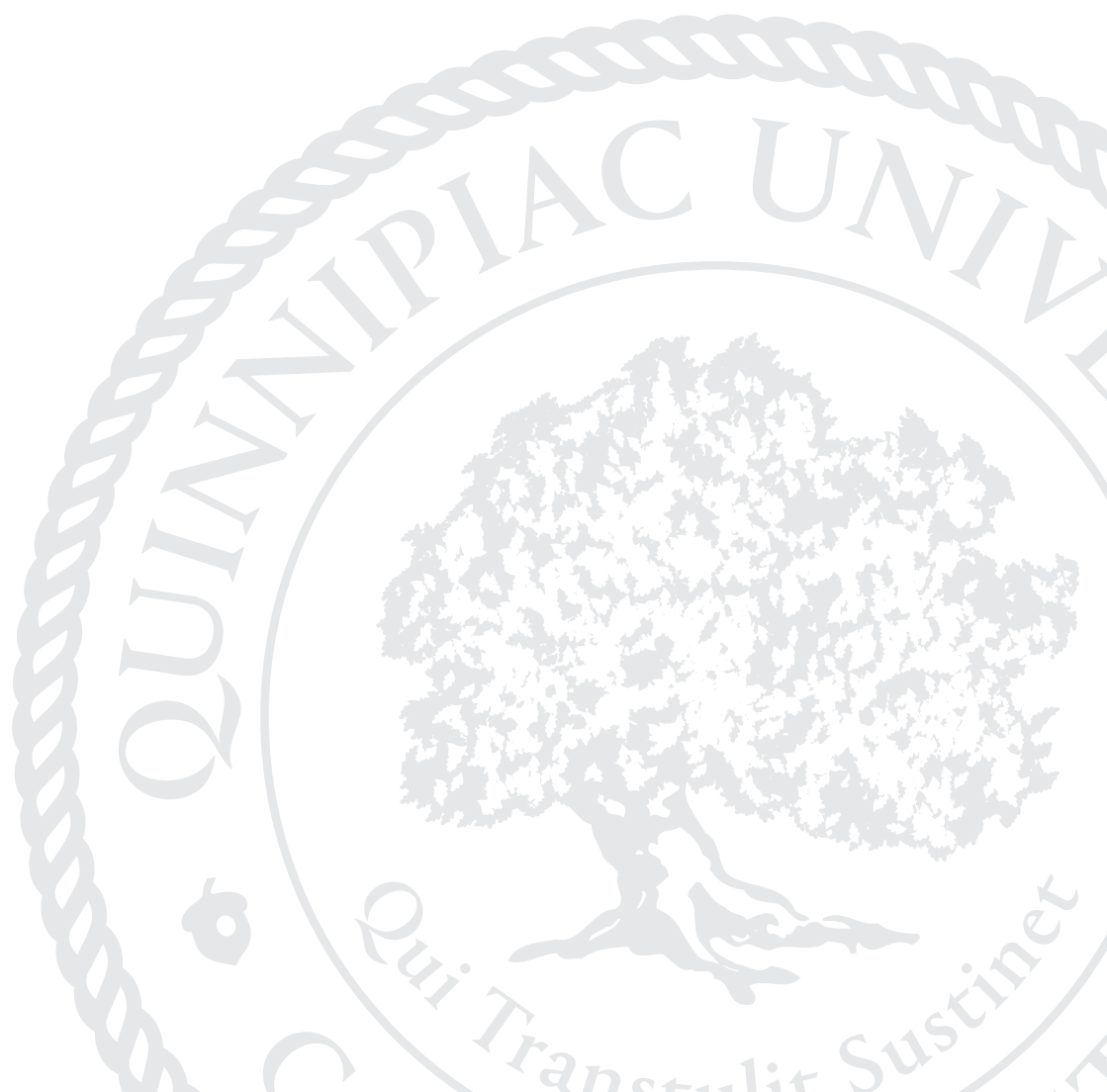
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE COMMENCEMENT

E X E R C I S E S

Friday the Ninth of May

2025

One o'clock





GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT OLIAN

Congratulations to the Class of 2025 as you celebrate the culmination of four years of hard work and rigorous commitment to succeeding in medicine. As you embark on residencies in 19 states (including the District of Columbia) and 20 unique specialties, you are well prepared to be leaders in your community and to practice truly compassionate, patient-centered healthcare.

As graduates of Quinnipiac University's Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine, you've been guided by outstanding faculty and dedicated staff who are proud to stand beside you today. All that you've learned—and the many ways in which you've grown—will serve you well in your chosen fields of medicine and in your communities. In addition, you've gained new understanding and perspectives from one another during this profoundly transformative time in your lives. Stay connected to your Bobcat family, visit us often, and draw on the friendships and mentor relationships you've formed.

This day is shared with your families and friends—those who've supported you every step of the way. They're bursting with pride on the milestone you achieve today. Savor this moment as you begin this next chapter and know we'll be cheering for you as your Bobcat family.

Warmly,

Judy D. Olian, PhD



A MESSAGE FROM DEAN BOISELLE

Dear Graduates of the QU Netter Class of 2025,
Congratulations on your remarkable achievement!

Four years ago, you began medical school in the midst of a global pandemic—an extraordinary and uncertain time. With resilience and determination, you’ve met challenges that tested your strength and deepened your commitment to medicine. Throughout this journey, your compassion—for patients, for one another, and for the communities you serve—has remained steadfast.

Now, as you step into your professional careers, you enter a healthcare landscape that has transformed during your time at Netter. You are not only prepared to meet its demands—you are equipped to shape its future. Let compassion continue to guide you—in how you lead, how you heal, and how you show up for others.

You are part of a proud legacy of physicians who strive to make a meaningful difference. Wherever your path takes you, stay rooted in purpose, lead with empathy, and never underestimate the power of listening, presence, and care.

You will always be part of the QU Netter family. We look forward to following your journey and celebrating the impact you will make.

Wishing you all the best—good luck and Godspeed!

With immense pride and admiration,

Phillip Boisselle, MD

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Trumpet Prelude and Processional

Pomp and Circumstance | Sir Edward Elgar

Call to Commencement

Debra J. Liebowitz, PhD

Provost

National Anthem

Elizabeth Landry, MD Candidate '25

Greetings

Judy D. Olian, PhD

President

Dean's Remarks

Phillip M. Boiselle, MD

Dean of the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine

Introduction of Commencement Speaker

R. Ellen Pearlman, MD

Senior Associate Dean of Education

Commencement Address

Richard Levin, MD

Senior Advisor, Arnold P. Gold Foundation

Presentation of Candidates for Medical Degrees and Conferral of Hoods

Phillip M. Boiselle

Renu Boatright, MD

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

Conferral of Degrees

Judy D. Olian

Student Remarks

Colin Uyeki, MD Candidate '25

QU Netter School of Medicine Physician's Pledge

R. Ellen Pearlman

Alumni Welcome

Paul Calamita, MBA '92

President, Alumni Association Board

Recessional

Amor Vittorioso | G. Gastoldi

March | A. Valenti

Please remain at your seats until the Commencement procession files out.

A post-ceremony reception will take place at the Rocky Top Student Center.

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

Doctor of Medicine

Hatim S. Amiji

Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
Temple University Hospital, PA
Internal Medicine

Adebowale E. Babalola

Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
Howard University Hospital, DC
Psychiatry

Kizzi Belfon

Distinction in Health Policy and Advocacy
NYP Hospital-Weill Cornell Medical Center, NY
Obstetrics and Gynecology

Cameron P. Bonner

Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
Virginia Commonwealth U Health System, VA
Neurology

Marina A. Carro

Distinction in Healthcare Management and Organizational Leadership
Stony Brook Teach Hospitals, NY
General Surgery

Alice Y. Chen

High Distinction in Medical Humanities
Advocate Health Care, IL
Obstetrics and Gynecology

Ahmad I. Chughtai

High Distinction in Medical Education
UMass Chan Medical School, MA
Internal Medicine

Morgan Davis

High Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
ECU Health Medical Center, NC
General Surgery

Julia A. Dietz

Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
Stamford Hospital/Columbia, CT
Obstetrics and Gynecology

Emmanuel A. Dwomoh

High Distinction in Healthcare Management and Organizational Leadership
SUNY Upstate – Syracuse, NY
Ophthalmology

Bridget N. Elder

Distinction in Health Communications
Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, CA
Family Medicine

Osama Elsankary

Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
Tufts Medical Center, MA
Psychiatry

Christine M. Etzel

High Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
University at Buffalo SOM, NY
Orthopaedic Surgery

John H. Ficke

Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
Maine Medical Center, ME
Interventional Radiology (Integrated)

Zachariah W. Foster

High Distinction in Health Policy and Advocacy
Boston University Medical Center, MA
Neurology

Makenzie M. Gazura

Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
TJU/Nemours Children's Health, PA/DE
Pediatrics

John S. Gnalian

Distinction in Healthcare Management and Organizational Leadership
ISMMS Mount Sinai Morningside-West, NY
Psychiatry

Evelio S. Gonzalez

Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
Zucker SOM-Northwell Zucker Hillside, NY
Psychiatry

Connor A. Graham

Distinction in Healthcare Management and Organizational Leadership
Sutter Health, CA
Family Medicine

Shaunea I. Green

Distinction in Medical Humanities
Saint Mary's Hospital, CT
Internal Medicine

John P. Gribbin

High Distinction in Medical Humanities
ISMMS Mount Sinai Hospital, NY
Medicine – Medical Genetics

Ervin K. Ham

Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
U Washington Affiliated Hospitals, WA
Anesthesiology

Liam M. Harvey

Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
Mercy Catholic Medical Center, PA
Transitional Year

Sara M. Hovstadius

High Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
Yale New Haven Hospital, CT
Obstetrics and Gynecology

Seungju Hwang

Distinction in Health Policy and Advocacy
ISMMS Mount Sinai Hospital, NY
Pediatrics

John D. Jovan

Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
Womack Army Medical Center, NC
Family Medicine

Tilan Karunanayake

Distinction in Medical Humanities
UC Riverside SOM, CA
Internal Medicine Preliminary
Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital, RI
Anesthesiology

Tara Kobayashi

Distinction in Healthcare Management and Organizational Leadership
San Antonio Uniformed Services Health, TX
Emergency Medicine

Daryle J. Lamonica

Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, PA
Urology

Elizabeth N. Landry

Distinction in Medical Education
UC Davis Medical Center, CA
Emergency Medicine

Daniella B. Lazarus

High Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, CA
Internal Medicine

Owen D. Ligas

Distinction in Interprofessional Education and Practice
U Arizona COM-Tucson, AZ
Emergency Medicine

Jessica Lohret

Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
UMass Chan Medical School, MA
Internal Medicine

Kevin Ly

Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
UC San Diego Medical Center, CA
Internal Medicine

Mehnaz P. Madraswalla

Distinction in Medical Humanities
U Connecticut School of Medicine, CT
Obstetrics and Gynecology

Anna K. Maloney

High Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital, RI
Internal Medicine

Dominic Mancini

Distinction in Medical Education
Griffin Hospital, CT
Internal Medicine

Aaron J. Marcel

Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
Stony Brook Teach Hosps, NY
Orthopaedic Surgery

Devan B. McAllister

Distinction in Medical Humanities
U Washington Affiliated Hospitals, WA
Pediatrics

Hilary A. Merrifield

Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, NH
Emergency Medicine

Gabrielle Minta

Distinction in Health Communications
U Connecticut School of Medicine, CT
Internal Medicine

Morgan A. Mohalla

Distinction in Healthcare Management and Organizational Leadership
Yale New Haven Hospital, CT
Emergency Medicine

Justine T. Murphy

Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
Maine Medical Center, ME
Family Medicine

Labina T. Mustafa

High Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
Zucker SOM-Northwell Lenox Hill Hospital, NY
Internal Medicine

Chase R. Nelson

Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
U Arizona COM-Tucson, AZ
Vascular Surgery

Kaylie M. O'Connell

Distinction in Medical Humanities
Brown University/Butler Hospital, RI
Psychiatry

Cameron E. O'Connor

High Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
Hartford Hospital, CT
Diagnostic Radiology

Cassidy J. O'Neill

High Distinction in Medical Education
Harvard South Shore, MA
Psychiatry

Grace E. Orben

Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
ISMMS Mount Sinai Hospital, NY
Anesthesiology

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High Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
U Colorado SOM-Denver, CO
Anesthesiology

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Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
Stamford Hospital/Columbia, CT
Family Medicine

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Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
UMass Chan Medical School, MA
Neurology

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Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
NYP Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, NY
Emergency Medicine

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Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
U Connecticut School of Medicine, CT
Pediatrics

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Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
Albany Medical Center, NY
Pathology

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Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
U Arizona COM-Tucson, AZ
Internal Medicine

Alex J. Portillo

Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
Scripps Clinic/Green Hospital, CA
Internal Medicine

Anthony A. Raso

Distinction in Medical Education
Indiana University SOM, IN
Medicine – Pediatrics

Jennifer L. Reavis

High Distinction in Health Communications
U Connecticut School of Medicine, CT
Obstetrics and Gynecology

Isabelle Ribeiro Barbosa

Distinction in Medical Education
ISMMS Mount Sinai Morningside-West, NY
Anesthesiology

Emma V. Rosenstein

High Distinction in Medical Humanities
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, NH
Plastic Surgery (Integrated)

Rachael M. Rosow

Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
U Arizona COM-Tucson, AZ
Internal Medicine

Ashley A. Sanchez

Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
U Connecticut School of Medicine, CT
General Surgery

Arth Sharma

High Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
Mary Washington Healthcare, VA
Anesthesiology

Eldar Sorkin

Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
Yale New Haven Hospital, CT
Diagnostic Radiology

Louise M. Stephan

Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
UC Davis Medical Center, CA
Family Medicine

Maria M. Stevens

Distinction in Healthcare Management and Organizational Leadership
Baystate Franklin Medical Center, MA
Family Medicine

Matthew J. Swanson

High Distinction in Healthcare Management and Organizational Leadership
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, MA
Anesthesiology

Frank A. Tavarez-Mora

Distinction in Health Policy and Advocacy
Yale New Haven Hospital, CT
Anesthesiology

Melissa A. Ubeda Arias

Distinction in Health Communications
U Miami/Jackson Health System, FL
Emergency Medicine

Ikhianoson O. Ukhuedoba

Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
MGB-Brigham and Women's Hospital, MA
General Surgery

Colin L. Uyeki

*Distinction in Healthcare Management and
Organizational Leadership*
UMass Chan Medical School, MA
Orthopaedic Surgery

Amber R. Vargas

*High Distinction in Healthcare Management and
Organizational Leadership*
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Emergency Medicine

Elise M. Vasko

Distinction in Health Policy and Advocacy
University at Buffalo SOM, NY
Obstetrics and Gynecology

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Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
Yale New Haven Hospital, CT
Emergency Medicine

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Distinction in Medical Education
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, NH
Internal Medicine

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High Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
University of Virginia, VA
General Surgery

Kristy Wang

Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
UMass Chan Medical School, MA
Internal Medicine

Carly R. Westermann

Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
Children's Hospital-Philadelphia, PA
Pediatrics

Kevin Z. Xia

Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, MA
Internal Medicine

Sarah R. Yoder

High Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
UMass Chan Medical School, MA
Family Medicine

Edward Y. Zhu

Distinction in Health Policy and Advocacy
Quinnipiac University/Netter MD SOM, CT
Psychiatry



ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

Excellent Performance in a Required Clinical Clerkship

Critical Care—Daniella Lazarus

Emergency Medicine—Tara Kobayashi

Family Medicine—Sarah Yoder

Internal Medicine—Eldar Sorkin

OB/GYN—Jennifer Reavis

Pediatrics—Devan McAllister

Psychiatry—John Gnalian

Surgery—Ashley Sanchez

Awards for Leadership and Service

Gerald R. Berg, MD, Service Award—Colin Uyeki

This award recognizes an individual who demonstrates selfless and compassionate service to the community.

Dean's Leadership Award—Kizzi Belfon

This award recognizes an individual who demonstrates outstanding leadership to their class and the school.

State and National Awards

Academy of Family Physicians Dr. David and Arthur

Schuman Award—Connor Graham

Connecticut Academy of Family Physicians Annual Student Award—Louise Stephan

Connecticut American College of Physicians Internal Medicine Award—Dominic Mancini

Excellence in Public Health Award from the U.S. Public Health Service Physician Professional Advisory Committee—Ervin Ham

Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award—

Inayzha Wallace

The purpose of the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award, presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation, is to recognize the value of humanism in the delivery of care to patients and their families.

Awards for Outstanding Capstone Projects

Barbara Pober, MD, MPH, Clinical Science Scholarship Award—Anna Maloney

Scholarship in Community or Global Health Award—Gabrielle Minta

Scholarship in Health Equity Award—Kizzi Belfon

Scholarship in Humanism Award—Emma Rosenstein

Scholarship in Medical Innovation and Education Award—Kaylie O'Connell

Scholarship in Primary Care Award—Ava Vause

Stephen Wikel, PhD, Scientific Scholarship Award—John Gribbin

Awards for High Distinction in a Capstone Concentration

Alice Chen

Ahmad Chughtai

Morgan Davis

Emmanuel Dwomoh

Christine Etzel

Zachariah Foster

John Gribbin

Sara M. Hovstadius

Daniella Lazarus

Anna Maloney

Labina Mustafa

Cameron O'Connor

Cassidy O'Neill

Christine Parkent

Jennifer Reavis

Emma Rosenstein

Aarth Sharma

Matthew Swanson

Amber Vargas

Inayzha Wallace

Sarah Yoder

Gold Humanism Honor Society

Kizzi Belfon

Alice Chen

Zachariah Foster

Connor Graham

Kevin Ly

Anna Maloney

Isabelle Ribeiro Barbosa

Ashley Sanchez

Louise Stephan

Matthew Swanson

Colin Uyeki

Amber Vargas

Inayzha Wallace

Sarah Yoder

FRANK H. NETTER MD SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 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 ADVOCATE for social, economic, educational, and political changes that ameliorate suffering and contribute to the well-being of my patients and the communities I serve;
- 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.

*Adapted from the WMA Declaration of Geneva Updated October 2017
(The Physician's Pledge) and the AMA Declaration of Professional Responsibility*



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