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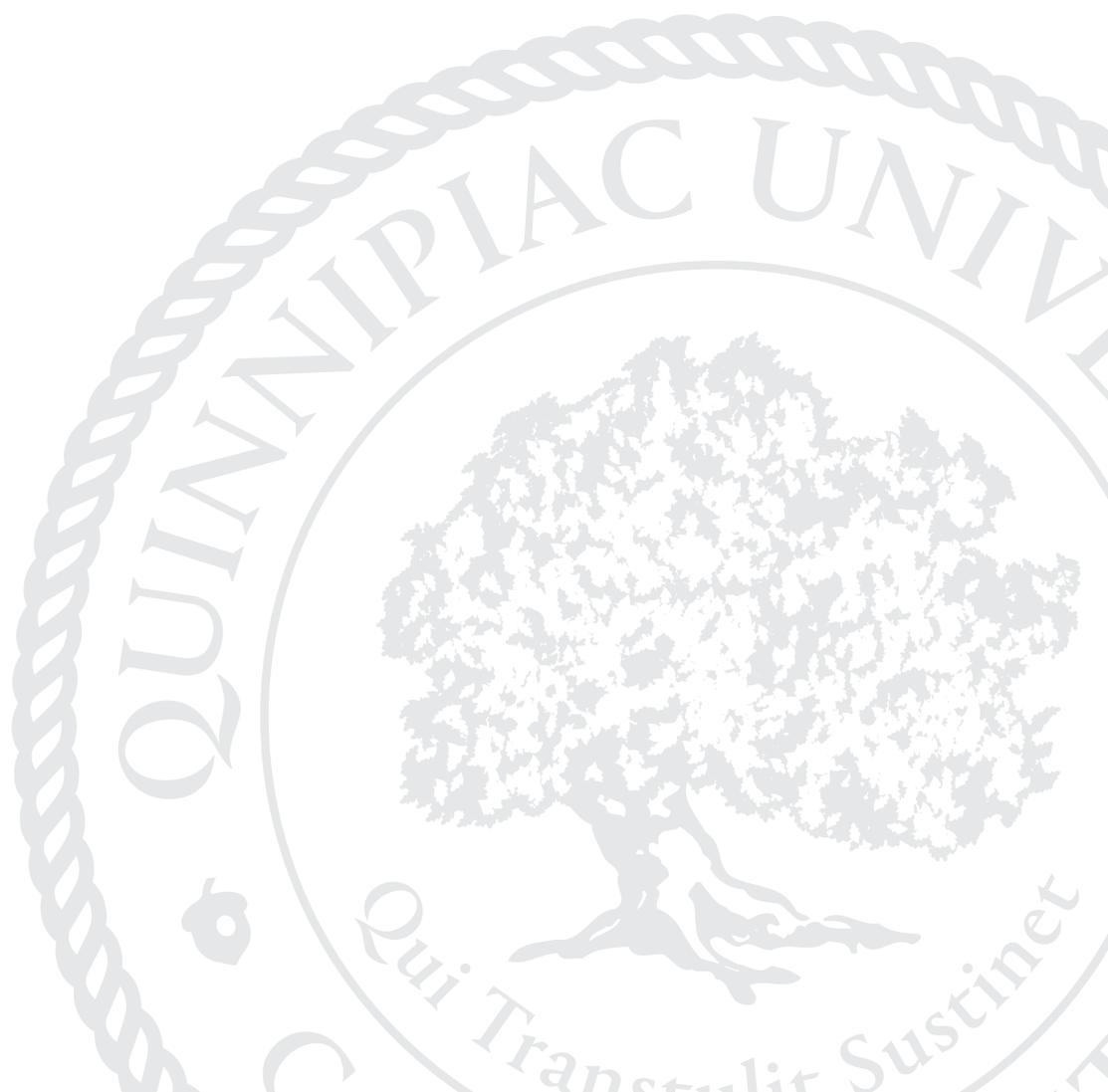
# SCHOOL OF MEDICINE COMMENCEMENT

EXERCISES

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 Boiselle, 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. Gnaljan**

*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

**Christine M. Parkent**

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

**Priya A. Patel**

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

**Twinkle R. Patel**

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

**Paola C. Peralta**

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

**Joanne T. Pierre-Louis**

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

**Rachel E. Pitt**

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

**Emily K. Ploom**

*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

**Ikhianos 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*  
Yale New Haven Hospital, CT  
Emergency Medicine

**Elise M. Vasko**

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

**Ava R. Vause**

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

**Scott Vella Sorensen**

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

**Inayzha R. Wallace**

*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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