Commencement 2017

Tuesday, May Thirtieth
Two Thousand and Seventeen

6:30 p.m.

The Jesse H. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts
615 Louisiana
Houston, Texas
THE COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION

Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the Commencement Speaker
President of the College of Medicine and Honored Guests
Chancellor Emeritus
Provost
Deans of the College
Associate Provosts
Chairs of Academic Departments and Center Directors

Trustees of the College
Professors of the College
Associate Professors of the College
Assistant Professors of the College
Instructors of the College

Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy and Faculty Advisors
Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Medicine

Significance of the Colors of the Academic Regalia

The color of the velvet edging of the hood and gown indicates the degree; in the lining of the hood are the college colors of the institution that conferred the degree.

The hood and gown of the Doctor of Philosophy has a blue velvet edging; Doctor of Medicine, green; both Doctor of Divinity and Doctor of Theology, scarlet; Doctor of Laws, purple; Doctor of Science, golden yellow; Doctor of Letters and Humanities, white; and Doctor of Dentistry, lilac.
PROGRAM

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Welcome ................................................................. Mr. Fred R. Lummis, Chair, Board of Trustees

Introductions and Remarks ................................ Dr. Paul E. Klotman, President and Chief Executive Officer
                                                Executive Dean

Presiding ................................................................. Dr. Alicia D.H. Monroe, Provost
                                                Senior Vice President of Academic and Faculty Affairs

Remarks by the Student Representative
    Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences ........ Mr. Miguel Alejandro Marin

Remarks by the President of the Graduating Class
    School of Medicine ................................................................. Ms. Jiwen Li

Introduction of Awardees ........................................ Dr. Alicia D.H. Monroe

Presentation of Distinguished Service Award ...................... Dr. Paul E. Klotman
                                                Dr. James. L. Phillips
                                                Senior Associate Dean of Diversity and Community Outreach
                                                Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion

Conferring of Honorary Degrees ........................................ Dr. Paul E. Klotman

Doctor of Humanities in Medicine
                                                Dr. Jyoti Malhan
                                                Principal, Baylor College of Medicine Academy at Ryan
                                                Dr. Marc Nivet
                                                Executive Vice President of Institutional Advancement
                                                University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
                                                Marc J. Shapiro
                                                Non-Executive Chairman, Chase Bank of Texas

Doctor of Letters in Medicine
                                                Dr. Norbert W. Bischofberger
                                                Chief Scientific Officer, Gilead Sciences, Inc.
John E. Whitmore Lecture Commencement Address .............................................................. Dr. Marc Nivet

Presentation of the Candidates for the Degree Doctor of Philosophy

Dr. Adam Kuspa
Interim Dean, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

Conferring of Degrees ...................................................................................................... Dr. Paul E. Klotman

Administration of the Hippocratic Oath ............................................................................

Dr. Joseph S. Kass
Associate Dean of Student Affairs

Presentation of the Candidates for the Degree Doctor of Medicine

Dr. Jennifer Christner
Dean, School of Medicine

Conferring of Degrees ...................................................................................................... Dr. Paul E. Klotman

Benediction .................................................. Dr. Virgil Fry, Executive Director – Lifeline Chaplaincy

Recessional

Investing Marshals

Dr. William A. Phillips, Professor of Orthopedic Surgery
Dr. Lorraine Potocki, Professor of Molecular and Human Genetics
Dr. LeChauncy Woodard, Associate Professor of Medicine

The John E. Whitmore Endowed Lectureship

Mrs. Clara Whitmore established the John E. Whitmore Endowed Lectureship in 1987 as a perpetual tribute to the lifetime accomplishments of her late husband, John E. Whitmore; his service as a Trustee of Baylor College of Medicine; and his interest in medical education, research and healthcare. Mrs. Whitmore further enhanced the endowment in 1993. The College lost a dear friend with her death in 2010.
JAMES L. PHILLIPS, M.D.

James L. Phillips, M.D., is Senior Associate Dean and Professor of Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion.

Dr. Phillips is an expert in establishing cultural diversity in postsecondary institutions. He originated and directed the Health Careers Enhancement Program for Minorities at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine from 1988 to 1993. Dr. Phillips was then recruited to Baylor College of Medicine primarily to improve cultural diversity.

He has been instrumental in helping the College to achieve premier status with regard to recruiting students underrepresented in medicine. As a result, the institution graduated its first African-American M.D./Ph.D. student in 2002.

Dr. Phillips strives to provide students of all ages with opportunities that will ignite their interest and understanding of science and medicine, with the hope that they will work toward a career in the biosciences.

He founded the Saturday Morning Science Program at Baylor College of Medicine to promote interest in sciences among young adults. This program is designed to motivate inner city students from the 7th to the 12th grade by exposing them to sessions led by physicians, scientists, astronauts and medical and graduate students. He also is the coordinator for the high school students working at Baylor College of Medicine each summer and provides them with a weekly enrichment seminar to complement their research experience.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Washington & Jefferson College in Pennsylvania and his medical degree from Case Western Reserve University. He completed an internship at University Hospitals of Cleveland and residency training at Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital of Cleveland, Ohio.

NORBERT W. BISCHOEFBERGER, PH.D.

Norbert Bischofberger, Ph.D., joined Gilead Sciences in 1990 as Director of Organic Chemistry. He currently serves as the Executive Vice President of Research and Development and Chief Scientific Officer. Gilead Sciences, Inc. is a research-based biopharmaceutical company that discovers, develops and commercializes innovative medicines in areas of unmet medical need. Gilead’s portfolio of products and pipeline of investigational drugs includes treatments for HIV/AIDS, liver diseases, cancer, inflammatory and respiratory diseases and cardiovascular conditions.

From 1986 to 1990, Dr. Bischofberger was in Genetech’s Molecular Biology Group.

Dr. Bischofberger received his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry at the University of Innsbruck in Austria, and his doctorate in organic chemistry at the Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule in Zurich, Switzerland. He conducted postdoctoral work at Harvard University.

He has authored more than 120 publications and is the inventor of 20 patents. He also is a member of the American Chemical Society, the International Society for Antiviral Research, the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Society for Microbiology.

Dr. Bischofberger was one of the inventors of the antiviral drug Tamiflu, generically known as oseltamivir, the first oral medication to treat influenza. He led a team that developed the drug in the 1990s.
Jyoti Malhan, Ph.D.

Jyoti Malhan, Ph.D., is the Founding Principal of Baylor College of Medicine Academy at Ryan, a medical magnet middle school in the Houston Independent School District. As the founding principal, Dr. Malhan recruited students and faculty members through comprehensive city-wide efforts to successfully launch the school in a period of just three months.

A native of northern India, Dr. Malhan knew from an early age that she wanted to become a teacher committed to serving students from diverse backgrounds. In 2003, she moved to Houston for a teaching job in a district where she learned much about the struggles that children face in poverty-stricken school districts.

She was named the magnet coordinator for Booker T. Washington High School for Engineering Professions in the Houston Independent School District in 2008 and co-founder and dean of instruction at the Young Women’s College Preparatory Academy in HISD in 2011. From there, she accepted the position as founding principal of the HISD- and Baylor-supported Baylor College of Medicine Academy at Ryan.

The school received an A+ rating from Children At Risk and has been the recipient of all seven Texas Education Agency distinctions. In 2016, Dr. Malhan was named a finalist for HISD Principal of the Year.

She received a Bachelor of Science degree in botany, with honors, from the University of Delhi, a Master of Arts in English from Panjab University in Chandigarh, India, and a Master of Education in educational administration from Texas Southern University. She earned a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from Texas A&M University.

Marc J. Shapiro

Marc Shapiro is a native Houstonian who completed his undergraduate work at Harvard University and received his M.B.A. from Stanford Business School.

Mr. Shapiro began his banking career in 1972 at Texas Commerce Bank, with his progression through the Texas Commerce organization including service as chief financial officer beginning in 1977. In 1989, after the bank was purchased by J.P. Morgan Chase, he was named chief executive officer of the statewide organization. He moved to New York to work for the parent company in 1997 as vice chairman for finance and risk management.

He returned to Houston in 2003 and currently serves as Non-Executive Chairman of Chase Bank of Texas. He also is a director of Kimberly-Clark Corp., the Mexico Fund and Weingarten Realty Investors.

Mr. Shapiro has a long history of community involvement. During his career, he has served as Chairman of the Greater Houston Partnership, Chairman of the Houston United Way Campaign, founding Chairman of the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts and a member of the Board of Trustees for Rice University. He currently serves on the Board of Advisors of the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice.

A strong believer in the importance of the Texas Medical Center, he is past chairman of the Board of Trustees of Baylor College of Medicine and past chairman of the Board of Visitors of MD Anderson Cancer Center and continues to serve on the boards of both institutions. He also currently serves as chairman of the board of the Baylor St. Luke’s Medical Center. His past board service includes the Menninger Clinic, Sabin Vaccine Institute, Texas Medical Center, BioHouston and the Harris County Hospital District.
The Baylor University College of Medicine moved to Houston in 1943 from Dallas to launch the proposed Texas Medical Center. The building to house Baylor’s medical school was named after Hugh Roy and Lillie Cullen who moved to Houston in 1911 and made their fortune in oil. The Cullen Foundation’s first check was written in 1947 to fund the new medical building. Architects Hedrick and Lindsley designed the building with modern deco elements and Texas cream limestone. A portico was added in 1982 to enhance the main entrance. The Cullen building remains at the heart of the Texas Medical Center.

Recorded Texas Historic Landmark - 2014
Marc A. Nivet, Ed.D., MBA
Executive Vice President of Institutional Advancement
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Dr. Marc Nivet, Executive Vice President of Institutional Advancement at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, previously served as the Chief Diversity Officer for the Association of American Medical Colleges. In his current role, he is responsible for developing and overseeing a comprehensive and coordinated strategic agenda to promote and advance UT Southwestern’s mission and goals.

As Chief Diversity Officer for the AAMC, he provided strategic and programmatic leadership on issues surrounding community engagement, diversity and health equity at universities, medical schools and teaching hospitals across the United States and Canada.

Dr. Nivet has spent more than 20 years in academic medicine developing creative program initiatives and innovative approaches to the mission of excellence in research, education and patient care.

Prior to joining the AAMC, Dr. Nivet served as the Chief Operating Officer and Treasurer for the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation, which fosters innovation in health professional education that aligns workforce training with the dynamic needs of patients. He also served as a special assistant to the Senior Vice President for Health at New York University, and held management positions with the Sallie Mae Fund and the Associated Medical Schools of New York.

Dr. Nivet holds a Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies from Southern Connecticut State University; a Master of Science in Higher Education and Student Development from Long Island University, CW Post Campus; a Doctorate in Higher Education Management from the University of Pennsylvania School of Education; and a Master of Business Administration in Health Care Management from George Washington University School of Business.

He has held faculty positions at New York University, Hofstra University, Georgetown University and the University of Mississippi Medical Center, and he has received numerous grant awards.
Candidates for the Degree, Doctor of Philosophy

SAMIRKUMAR B. AMIN
M.B.B.S., Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda
Ph.D., Structural and Computational Biology and Molecular Biophysics
Advisor: Roeland G.W. Verhaak, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Long NonCoding RNA Interactions in Cancer”

TRUXTON J. BODINE
B.A., The University of Utah
Ph.D., Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine
Advisor: Lynn Zechiedrich, Ph.D.

JASON CHRISTOPHER BURTON
B.S., Brigham Young University
Ph.D., Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences
Advisor: Irina V. Larina, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Development of Novel OCT Imaging Approaches for Investigations of the Female Reproductive Tract”

JAMES CHRISTOPHER CAMPBELL
B.S., Texas State University
M.S., Texas State University
Ph.D., Structural and Computational Biology and Molecular Biophysics
Advisor: Choel W. Kim, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Biophysical Characterization of PKG II Highlights the Need for Novel Chemical Tools in cGMP Signaling”

ZHJUJAN CAO
M.D., Yangzhou University Medical College
M.S., Nanjing Medical University
Ph.D., Cardiovascular Sciences
Advisor: Sean P. Marrelli, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Targeting the Capsaicin Receptor for Therapeutic Hypothermia in Ischemic Stroke”

ANGELA NICOLE CARTER
B.A., Florida Atlantic University
Ph.D., Neuroscience
Advisor: Anne E. Anderson, M.D.
Dissertation: “Determining the Role of PI3K/Akt/mTOR Signaling in Seizure-Induced Memory Impairments, Spine Dysmorphology, and Electrographic Perturbations in Rats”
LESLEY S. M. CHAHOUB
B.S., University of Versailles-St. Quentin en Yvelines
M.S., Purdue University
Ph.D., Developmental Biology
Advisor: Benjamin Deneen, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Probing Gliogenesis: The Link Between Development and Neurological Disorders”

KUCHUAN CHEN
B.S., National Tsing Hua University
Ph.D., Developmental Biology
Advisor: Hugo J. Bellen, D.V.M., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Drosophila Model of Friedreich’s Ataxia”

CHI AN ANGIE CHIANG
B.S., Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Ph.D., Neuroscience
Advisor: Joanna L. Jankowsky, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “The Role of Amyloid in Cognitive Decline and Strategies for Treatment of Alzheimer’s Disease”

MATTHEW R. COLLINSON-PAUTZ
B.A., Augustana College
Ph.D., Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine
Advisor: David M. Spencer, Ph.D.

SHAUN MICHAEL DAVIS
B.A., Lake Forest College
Ph.D., Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Herman A. Dierick, M.D.
Dissertation: “Forward and Reverse Genetic Approaches to Identify Molecular Mechanisms Underlying Aggressive Behavior”

ADETUTU TAIWO EGUNSOLO
B.S., Lafayette College
Ph.D., Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Brendan Lee, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “The Roles of DDRGK1 and HIF3 alpha in Cartilage Development and Diseases”
JOSEPH MARIO FACHINI
B.S., University of West Georgia
Ph.D., Molecular Physiology and Biophysics
Advisor: Joel R. Neilson, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Post-Transcriptional Regulation of KRAS by HuR Impacts Proliferation and Apoptosis at Late Stages of T Lymphocyte Activation”

XIANG FENG
B.S., Fudan University
Ph.D., Pharmacology
Advisor: Patrick Barth, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Analysis of Membrane Protein Topology and Design of Ligand Binding GPCRs”

VITOR FERREIRA ONUCHIC
B.A., Universidade de São Paulo
M.Sc., Universidade de São Paulo
Ph.D., Structural and Computational Biology and Molecular Biophysics
Advisor: Aleksandar Milosavljevic, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “A Less Convoluted View of Human Epigenomes Reveals Interactions Between Cell Types and Functional Effects of Genetic Variants”

TIFFANY CHANTAL FLEET
B.S., University of Maryland-Baltimore County
Ph.D., Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine
Advisor: Bert W. O’Malley, M.D.
Dissertation: “Steroid Receptor Coactivator 2: Metabolic Implications for Human Health and Disease”

MICHAEL DAVID FOUNTAIN, JR.
B.S., University of Houston
Ph.D., Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine
Advisor: Christian P. Schaaf, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “The Role of MAGEL2 in Neurobehavioral Disorders”

PABLO RIERA FREIRE
B.S., Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro
M.S., National Laboratory for Scientific Computing
Ph.D., Molecular and Cellular Biology
Advisor: Orla M. Conneely, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Disruption of Nr4a1 and Nr4a3 Expression in Hematopoietic Stem Cells Leads to a Pre-Leukemic State Marked by Hyper-Proliferation, Inflammation and DNA Damage”
DANIEL G. FUJA
B.S., Brigham Young University
M.S., Brigham Young University
Ph.D., Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences
Advisor: Jason T. Yustein, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Altered Gene Expression and Phenotype in Osteosarcoma Metastasis”

PAUL THOMAS FULLERTON, JR.
B.S., Duke University
Ph.D., Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Martin M. Matzuk, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Investigation of TGF Beta Family Signaling Pathways in Cancer, Pregnancy, and Drug Discovery”

MARY ELIZABETH GIRARD
B.S., University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Ph.D., Molecular Virology and Microbiology
Advisor: Christophe Herman, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Bioengineering Antimicrobial Probiotics by Exploiting Conjugation to Deliver Lethal Elements such as Toxin-Antitoxin Systems and CAS9 Nuclease”

NELE A.T. HAEFTERMAN
B.Sc., Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
M.Sc., Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
Ph.D., Developmental Biology
Advisor: Hugo J. Bellen, D.V.M., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “A Streamlined Whole Genome Sequencing Strategy Identifies Mutations in ariadne-1, a Parkin-like E3 Ligase that Controls Subcellular Nuclear Localization”

MEADE ELSPETH HALLER
B.S., University of Denver
Ph.D., Molecular and Cellular Biology
Advisor: Dolores J. Lamb, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Identifying Copy-Variant Genes Responsible for Congenital Genitourinary Defects”

MARK PATRICK HAMILTON
B.A., Austin College
Ph.D., Molecular and Cellular Biology
Advisor: Sean E. McGuire, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Use of Argonaute Crosslinking Immunoprecipitation to Define MicroRNA Targeting in Cancer”
ZONGXIAO HE
B.S., University of Science and Technology of China
Ph.D., Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Suzanne M. Leal, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Rare Variant Extensions of the Family-Based Association Tests with Application to Next-Generation Sequencing Data”

ALEXANDER MICHAEL HERMAN
B.S., Marymount University
M.S., Georgetown University
Ph.D., Developmental Biology
Advisor: Benjamin R. Arenkiel, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Circuits and Satiety: Insight into the Cholinergic Modulation of Feeding”

ANTENTOR OTHRELL HINTON, JR.
B.S., Winston-Salem State University
Ph.D., Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences
Advisor: Yong Xu, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Estrogen Receptor Alpha and Steroid Receptor Co-Activator-1 are Important for Blood Pressure Control”

BENJAMIN DANIEL HORSTEIN
B.S., Brandeis University
M.S., Brandeis University
Ph.D., Molecular Virology and Microbiology
Advisor: Lynn Zechiedrich, Ph.D.

HSIANG-TING HSU
B.S., National Tsing Hua University
M.S., National Yang Ming University
Ph.D., Immunology
Advisor: Jordan S. Orange, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Lytic Granule Convergence in Natural Killer Cell Cytotoxicity”

REDWAN UL HUQ
B.S., University of Maryland-College Park
Ph.D., Molecular Physiology and Biophysics
Advisor: Christine Beeton, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Antioxidant Carbon Nanomaterials to Treat T Lymphocyte-Mediated Autoimmune Disease”
AMY MARIE HURWITZ
B.S., University of Southern California
Ph.D., Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine
Advisor: Timothy G. Palzkill, Ph.D.

AKASH KUMAR KAUSHIK
B.Tech., National Institute of Technology
M.S., Stephen F. Austin State University
Ph.D., Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Advisor: Arun Sreekumar, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Insights into Rewired Metabolism in Prostate Cancer”

ROBERT LAYNE KRUSE
B.S., Yale University
Ph.D., Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine
Advisor: Karl-Dimiter Bissig, M.D., Ph.D.

STEPHANIE MARIE KYLE
B.S., Eckerd College
Ph.D., Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Monica J. Justice, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Metabolic Regulation by Mecp2 Points to New Therapeutic Targets in Rett Syndrome”

KYLE JOSEPH EDWARD LEWIS
B.S., Wright State University
Ph.D., Molecular and Cellular Biology
Advisor: Nikolai A. Timchenko, PhD.
Dissertation: “The Role of CUGBP1 and Gankyrin in Liver Regeneration and Cancer”

CHENG-LIN LI
B.S., National Tsing Hua University
M.S., National Tsing Hua University
Ph.D., Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Gad Shaulsky, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Kin Recognition and Altruism in Dictyostelium Discoideum”

TONGCHAO LI
B.S., Tsinghua University
Ph.D., Developmental Biology
Advisor: Hugo J. Bellen, D.V.M., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Ubr3 Plays a Pleiotropic Role in Eye, Hearing Organ, and Trichome Development”
ANGEL YVETTE LOPEZ
B.S., Biology, University of Texas at San Antonio
Ph.D., Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Edward C. Cooper, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Ankyrin-G in Epilepsy-Mood Disorder Co-Morbidity”

HENGYU LU
B.Sc., The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Ph.D., Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences
Advisor: Kenneth L. Scott, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Engineering and Functional Characterization of Chromosomal Rearrangements in Cancer”

HSIANG-CHIH LU
M.D., National Taiwan University
Ph.D., Developmental Biology
Advisor: Huda Y. Zoghbi, M.D.
Dissertation: “The Physiological Functions of ATXN1-CIC Complex During Development and in Spinocerebellar Ataxia Type 1”

MIGUEL ALEJANDRO MARIN
B.A., University of St. Thomas
Ph.D., Neuroscience
Advisor: Matthew Rasband, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Disruption and Reassembly of Axon Initial Segments and Nodes of Ranvier in CNS Injury and Disease”

SHRENIK CHETAN MEHTA
B.Pharm., Mumbai University
M.S., Virginia Commonwealth University
Ph.D., Pharmacology
Advisor: Timothy G. Palzkill, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Examination of the Catalytic Mechanism of KPC-2 Beta-Lactamase and Engineering A Protein Inhibitor Against The Drug Resistance Enzyme PBP2a”

DANIEL MENDOZA
B.S., Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia
M.D., Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia
Ph.D., Clinical Scientist Training Program
Advisor: David B. Corry, M.D.
Dissertation: “A Novel Role of Dendritic Cells in Pneumococcal Vaccine Responses”
Teresa Monkkonen
B.S., Rice University
Ph.D., Molecular and Cellular Biology
Advisor: Michael T. Lewis, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Epithelial, Stromal and Systemic Functions of Patched 1 in Mammary Gland Development”

Jaclyn Bravo Murry
B.S., Texas A&M University
B.S., The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
Ph.D., Molecular and Human Genetics
Advisor: Ignatia B. Van den Veyver, M.D.
Dissertation: “The Influence of Adverse Developmental Exposures on the Shank3 Mutant Mouse Phenotype”

Chinh Thi Quynh Nguyen
B.S., The University of Texas at Austin
Ph.D., Molecular Virology and Microbiology
Advisor: Anthony W. Maresso, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “A Metabolomic Approach to Analyzing Mammalian Immune Systems During Anthrax Disease”

Derek Steven O’Neil
B.S., Brigham Young University
Ph.D., Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine
Advisor: Kjersti Aagaard, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “The Fetal Hepatic Circadian Gene Npas2 and its Role in Satiety and Obesity”

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M.S., Johns Hopkins University
Ph.D., Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine
Advisor: Timothy G. Palzkill, Ph.D.

Victor George Piazza
B.S., University of Wisconsin-River Falls
Ph.D., Cardiovascular Sciences
Advisor: Mary E. Dickinson, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Using Optical Projection Tomography and Lightsheet Fluorescence Microscopy to Characterize the Requirement of Ascc2 in Development of the Post-Implantation Mouse Embryo”
GEETALI PRADHAN
B. Tech., Sathyabama University
M.S., University of Connecticut
Ph.D., Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine
Advisor: Yuxiang Sun, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “The Role of Growth Hormone Secretagogue Receptor (GHS-R) in Insulin Secretion”

ANN PEPPER QUICK
B.A., Baylor University
Ph.D., Cardiovascular Sciences
Advisor: Xander H.T. Wehrens, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “The Roles of JPH2 and SPEG in the Junctional Membrane Complex in Cardiac Health and Disease”

JOEL PATRICK QUIROS
B.S., Northwestern State University
Ph.D., Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences
Advisor: Olivier Lichtarge, M.D., Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Functional Prediction and Characterization of the Plasmodium falciparum Protein EXP1”

JUSTIN MICHAEL ROBERTS
B.S., Lander University
Ph.D., Molecular and Cellular Biology
Advisor: Nancy L. Weigel, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “The Role of Vitamin D Receptor Activation and Vitamin D Metabolism in Prostate Cancer”

PERLA JANET RODRIGUEZ
B.S., St. Mary’s University
M.C.T.M., University of St. Thomas
Ph.D., Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences
Advisor: Henry J. Pownall, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Metabolic and Clearance Mechanisms of Lipoproteins Produced by Streptococcal Serum Opacity Factor Activity Against Human High Density Lipoproteins”

JASDEEP SINGH SABHARWAL
B.A., University of California, Berkeley
Ph.D., Neuroscience
Advisor: Samuel M. Wu, Ph.D.
Rebeca San Martin  
B.S., Oakland University  
M.S., Oakland University  
Ph.D., Molecular and Cellular Biology  
Advisor: David R. Rowley, Ph.D.  
Dissertation: “The Role of the Reactive Microvasculature and Endosteum in the Progression of Prostate Cancer”

Laura Louise Satterfield  
B.S., King’s College  
Ph.D., Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences  
Advisor: Jason T. Yustein, M.D., Ph.D.  
Dissertation: “miR-130b Directly Targets Arhgap1 to Drive Activation of a Metastatic CDC42-PAK1-AP1 Positive Feedback Loop in Ewing Sarcoma”

Fath SemerCi  
B.Sc., Bilkent University  
M.Sc., Bilkent University  
Ph.D., Developmental Biology  
Advisor: Mirjana Maletic-Savatic, M.D., Ph.D.  
Dissertation: “Deciphering the Communication Between Adult Neural Stem Cell and Their Progeny: The Role of Notch Signaling”

Michelle Lynn Seymour  
B.S., Allegheny College  
Ph.D., Molecular and Cellular Biology  
Advisor: Frederick A. Pereira, Ph.D.  
Dissertation: “Role of the Cochlear Blood-Labyrinth Barrier in Auditory Function”

Ye Shen  
B.S., Fudan University  
Ph.D., Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences  
Advisor: H. Daniel Lacorazza, Ph.D.  
Dissertation: “Role of the Transcription Factor KLF4 in T-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia”

Priya Sivaramakrishnan  
B.Sc., Stella Maris College  
M.Sc., Sri Ramachandra University  
Ph.D., Molecular and Human Genetics  
Advisor: Christophe Herman, Ph.D.  
Jessica Nichole Sowa  
B.S., University of Rochester  
Ph.D., Molecular and Human Genetics  
Advisor: Meng Wang, Ph.D.  
Dissertation: “Olfactory Regulation of C. elegans Reproductive Aging”

Vlatko Stojanoski  
B.S., University at Albany, State University of New York  
Ph.D., Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
Advisor: Timothy G. Palzkill, Ph.D.  
Dissertation: “Examination of the Molecular Basis of Substrate Specificity for Antibiotic Hydolysis by Serine Beta-Lactamases”

Qingtai Su  
B.S., University of Science and Technology of China  
Ph.D., Integrative Molecular and Biomedical Sciences  
Advisor: Li Xin, Ph.D.  
Dissertation: “Functional Characterization of JAG1 in Prostate Cancer”

Jiayi Monika Sun  
B.S., Rice University  
Ph.D., Structural and Computational Biology and Molecular Biophysics  
Advisor: Ching C. Lau, M.D., Ph.D.  
Dissertation: “Identification of Biomarkers in Osteosarcoma by Comprehensive Genomic Profiling”

Maria Magdalena Szwarc  
B.S., University of Warsaw  
M.S., University of Warsaw  
Ph.D., Molecular and Cellular Biology  
Advisor: Bert W. O’Malley, M.D.  
Dissertation: “Steroid Receptor Coactivator-2: A Master Regulator of Endometrial Cancer Cell Metabolism”

Rajeev Babu Tajhya  
B.S., Brigham Young University  
Ph.D., Molecular Physiology and Biophysics  
Advisor: Christine Beeton, Ph.D.  
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Lehmann Outstanding Student Award
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Tiffany Ya-Ting Hsu

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Outstanding Service Award
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American Medical Women's Association
Glasgow-Rubin Certificate of Commendation for Academic Achievement
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Dana Marie Larsen
Chloë Eleanor Nunneley
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S. Carl Harvey Memorial Award for Excellence in Gross Anatomy
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Lawrence F. Schumacher Award for Excellence in Anesthesiology
Stefan Besada
Claudia Yu Yao Wei

American Society of Anesthesiologists Medical Student Recognition Program
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Texas College of Emergency Physicians Outstanding Medical Student Award
Samuel Grainger Buck

Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award
Paul Hausknecht

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Hippocrates, considered the father of medicine, was born around 460 BC. Although we do not know the details of his life, his recorded works reveal a belief in the practice of medicine based on observations and a belief that there was a rational explanation for human illness.

One of the oldest binding documents in history is the Hippocratic Oath. Although it was probably composed over 2000 years ago, its principles are still held sacred by physicians today—treat the sick to the best of one’s ability, preserve patient privacy, and teach medicine principles to the next generation.

The first recorded administration of the Hippocratic Oath in a medical school was at the University of Wittenberg, Germany in 1508. It was first incorporated into the commencement exercises at Montpellier, France in 1804. A survey of U.S. medical schools in 1928 found that only 19% of the medical schools included the oath in their commencement exercises. After World War II, oath taking began to play an increasing part in graduation exercises. Today, nearly every U.S. medical school administers some type of professional oath.

The revisions in the oath are many and reflect the changing values, customs, and beliefs associated with the ethical practice of medicine. By taking the oath, medical students are bonding with their fellow students, recognizing all those who have gone before, and joining their mentors in the future.

HIPPOCRATIC OATH

I do solemnly swear by whatever I hold most sacred, that I will be loyal to the profession of medicine and just and generous to its members;

That I will lead my life and practice my Art in uprightness and honor;

That into whatsoever home I shall enter, it shall be for the good of the sick and the well to the utmost of my power and that I will hold myself aloof from wrong and from corruption and from the tempting of others to vice;

That I will exercise my Art, solely for the cure of my patients and the prevention of disease and will give no drugs and perform no operation for a criminal purpose and far less suggest such a thing;

That whatsoever I shall see or hear of the lives of men which is not fitting to be spoken, I will keep inviolably secret;

These things I do promise and in proportion as I am faithful to this oath, may happiness and good repute be ever mine, the opposite if I shall be forsworn.