Dear honored graduates, families and colleagues,

The year 2020 is certainly not one that we will soon forget. As the global COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, so must our practices with respect to physical gatherings. Our inability to gather to congratulate the University of South Alabama College of Medicine (USACOM) Class of 2020 on their accomplishments does not diminish our pride with which we send them across the nation to begin practicing the art of medicine. The significance of their residency matches, awards/scholarships, change in military rank, Alpha Omega Alpha election and Gold Humanism selection is every bit as meaningful to us in the COM and USA Health as every other COM class which preceded them.

We hope that you will enjoy this printed program which delineates the COM Class of 2020 Award recipients and the listing of their residency appointments. Additionally, the program contains the Hippocratic Oath. Although we could not gather in person, Dr. John Marymont, Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean, College of Medicine administered this time honored Oath to the Class of 2020 via Zoom on May 8, 2020. The Oath reminds us of the duties which lay ahead of these graduates as they begin their medical practice.

In closing, to the graduates, thank you for your years of dedication to the pursuit of excellence; to the families, thank you for sharing these young men and women with us and allowing us to be part of their narrative; and to our colleagues in the healthcare profession, please welcome the COM Class of 2020 into your ranks.

Sincerely,

John V. Marymont, M.D., M.B.A.
Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, USA College of Medicine

T. J. Hundley, Jr., M.D.
Associate Dean Medical Education
USA College of Medicine

Kelly P. Roveda, M.D.
Associate Dean Student Affairs
USA College of Medicine
Award Recipients

• Dean’s Award. .......................................................... Davis Copeland Diamond Awarded to the graduating senior who has accumulated the highest scholastic grade-point average for the full four years of medical school.

• Merck Award. .......................................................... Travis Bedsole Goodloe III

Daniel Philip Zieman Awarded to senior students who have demonstrated superior academic achievement.

• Glasgow-Rubin Achievement Citations. .................................................. Erin Savanna Bouska Presented to those women students who graduate in the top ten percent of their class.

• Dr. Robert A. Kreisberg Endowed Award of Excellence. ............................................ Maria Siow Awarded to a graduating senior student in the top 25% of the class who is distinguished in both the clinical and basic sciences. This student has demonstrated superior leadership and integrity, possesses a strong work ethic, and has performed in such a way as to earn the respect of his or her fellow students and faculty.

• The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award. .................................................. Michael Patrick Steadman

Nicolette Holliday, M.D. Presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to the senior student and to the faculty member nominated and selected by the senior class who have demonstrated outstanding compassion to patients and their families.

• Medical Alumni Leadership Award. ............................................................ Tyler Joseph Kaelin Awarded to the senior student by vote of classmates, in recognition of outstanding leadership of the graduating class.

• Excellence in Public Health Award. ............................................................. Supraja R. Sridhar Presented by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Public Health Service to recognize the medical student who has demonstrated a commitment to public health and public health practice and has exhibited leadership and hard work with a passion and dedication to public health within the medical profession.

• Community Service Award. ................................................................. Supraja R. Sridhar

Jeremy R. Towns Presented by the Medical Society of Mobile County to two senior medical students whose classmates believe best fulfill the ideals of humanitarian public service as demonstrated by superior awareness of, and achievement in, civic and community programs.

• SNMA Leadership Award. ................................................................. Destini Aliyah Smith Awarded by the Student National Medical Association to a graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding community, school, and organizational service and leadership qualities.

• Ritha Baliga Memorial Medical Scholarship. ......................................... Erin Savanna Bouska Awarded to an outstanding senior student who demonstrates a merit ranking within the top 50% of the class and is interested in pursuing a career in Pediatric Health Care.
• Dr. Richard William Gurich Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Hannah Marie Ficarino
Awarded to a graduating senior student who has not only performed at the highest level during the third and fourth year, but has also demonstrated efficacy in patient relations and professionalism.

• Dr. William James Atkinson, Jr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Michael Patrick Steadman
Presented to a fourth year medical student exhibiting exemplary character, possessing a dedication to the field of medicine, and demonstrating a commitment to compassionate patient care. This student is interested in primary care and plans to practice in the state of Alabama.

• Dr. Joseph G. Hardin, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

William Berney Caine Nicolson
Awarded to a graduating senior student who is interested in pursuing a career in Internal Medicine.

• John A. Desak Award

Kristin Nicole Sheehan
In honor of USA College of Medicine graduate Dr. Maryella Sirmon’s father, this award is presented to the highest ranking female in the graduating class who has accepted a residency in Internal Medicine.

• Steven Karl Teplick, M.D., FARC Memorial Award

William Chase Wiggins
Awarded to a graduating senior student specializing in Radiology and committed to lifelong learning as exemplified by Dr. Steven Teplick.

• Outstanding Student in the Pre-clerkship Curriculum

Davis Copeland Diamond
Awarded to a graduating senior student for outstanding performance in the pre-clerkship curriculum.

• Award for Excellence in Teaching Clinical Skills

Maria Siow
Awarded to a graduating senior student for outstanding teaching skills and student mentoring in the Clinical Skills program. This student has demonstrated a dedication to education in the field of Clinical Skills.

• Clinical Pharmacology Excellence Award

Patricia R. Connor
Presented to a graduating senior student for demonstrating outstanding knowledge in basic and clinical pharmacology.

• Hollis J. Wiseman Award for Excellence in Pediatrics

Maria Siow
Presented to the student who best exemplified Dr. Wiseman’s outstanding scholarship, compassion for patients and families, involvement in the profession and community, enthusiasm for exploration and steadfast love of family, friends and colleagues.

• Samuel Eichold Award

Natalie Jean Hargrave
Presented to the graduating medical student who through scholarship, patient care, interaction with faculty and housestaff, and motivation, has demonstrated outstanding achievement in Internal Medicine.

• Dr. Michael M. Linder Endowed Award

Elisabeth May Potts
Awarded to a senior student who has accepted a residency in Family Medicine and exemplifies a commitment to family medicine, as practiced by Dr. Michael Linder, through astute clinical acumen based on the knowledge of the human body and evidence-based medicine. This student possesses a passion for teaching this knowledge and the
art of family medicine to others, and demonstrates courage to do what is best for the whole patient and their family.

• Ralph Denny Wright and Anne G. Wright Memorial Scholarship........... Elisabeth May Potts Awarded to the senior student focusing on Internal Medicine/Family Practice, who strives to become a compassionate physician and skilled diagnostician as exemplified by Dr. Wright.

• John W. Donald Memorial Award in Surgery........................................ Matthew A. Kassels Awarded to the senior student who best demonstrated clinical and academic excellence in the Surgery clerkship.

• H. C. Mullins, M.D. Award......................................................... Elisabeth May Potts Awarded by the faculty of the Department of Family Medicine to the graduating senior who demonstrated excellence in the ability to apply principles, practice, and philosophy of family medicine in caring for patients and their families. This award is given in honor of Dr. H. C. Mullins, Professor Emeritus and Founding Chair of the Department.

• Obstetrics and Gynecology Award........................................ Hayden Hamby Kassels Presented to the graduating medical student who, through scholarship, patient care, interaction with faculty and housestaff, and motivation, has demonstrated excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

• Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award.................... Travis Bedsole Goodloe III This award is presented by the Department of Emergency Medicine to recognize the graduating senior student who demonstrated outstanding performance and academic excellence in Emergency Medicine.

• Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM) Award......... Benjamin Wade Gibson Presented on behalf of SAEM to the graduating medical student who has demonstrated excellence and academic proficiency in Emergency Medicine.

• Excellence in Psychiatry Award........................................ Taylor Bartlett Ousley Presented to the graduating medical student who through scholarship, patient care, motivation, and interaction with faculty and housestaff, has demonstrated excellence in Psychiatry.

• AAN Medical Student Prize for Excellence in Neurology Award........ Destini Aliyah Smith Awarded to the medical student who exemplifies outstanding scientific achievement and clinical acumen in Neurology or Neuroscience, and outstanding personal qualities of integrity, compassion, and leadership.

• Faculty Awards:
  Best Pre-Clerkship Module................................................................. Respiratory

  Best Pre-Clerkship Educator(s)......................................................... Brian Fouty, M.D.
                       Troy Stevens, Ph.D.

  Best M3 Clerkship............................................................................ Internal Medicine

  Best Clerkship Educator ..................................................................... Linda Ding, M.D.
Candidates for the Degree of
DOCTOR OF MEDICINE
and
Their Residency Appointments

Dylan Scott Adams†
Neurological Surgery
University of Vermont Medical Center – Burlington, Vermont

Justin Richard Beasley
General Surgery
University of Tennessee College of Medicine – Chattanooga, Tennessee

Erin Savanna Bouska▲
Pediatrics
Children’s Hospital – Los Angeles, California

Hunter Rodney Childers
Internal Medicine
Brookwood Baptist Health – Birmingham, Alabama

Zachary Kyle Clark
Internal Medicine
University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

Patricia R. Connor
Pathology
University of Arkansas College of Medicine – Little Rock, Arkansas

Joseph Michael Cortopassi, Jr.▲
Emergency Medicine
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

Shawn Michael Deas
Anesthesiology
University Hospitals – Jackson, Mississippi

Davis Copeland Diamond*
Transitional Year (2020)
WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center – Marietta, Georgia
Dermatology (2021)
Medical College of Georgia – Augusta, Georgia

Aaron Jacob Dinerman▲
General Surgery
Baylor University Medical Center – Dallas, Texas

*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society
▲Arnold P. Gold Humanism Honor Society
†Research with Honors
Heath Dennison Donahue
*Family Medicine*
University of Alabama School of Medicine – Huntsville, Alabama

Grady Luke Edge II
*Internal Medicine*
Virginia Commonwealth University Health System – Richmond, Virginia

Hannah Marie Ficarino*
*General Surgery*
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

Dennis Gene Foster III
*Surgery-Preliminary*
Emory School of Medicine – Atlanta, Georgia

John Henry Friend IV
*Medicine-Preliminary/Ophthalmology*
LSU School of Medicine – New Orleans, Louisiana

Benjamin Wade Gibson
*Emergency Medicine*
LSU School of Medicine – Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Travis Bedsole Goodloe III*
*Emergency Medicine*
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

Natalie Jean Hargrave
*Internal Medicine*
University of Kentucky Medical Center – Lexington, Kentucky

Bradley Daily Harris
*Pediatrics*
Carolinas Medical Center – Charlotte, North Carolina

Robert Tyler Harvell
*General Surgery*
Northeast Georgia Medical Center – Gainesville, Georgia

Breanna Shiree Heard-Pinho
*Family Medicine*
University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

Bonnie E. Holley▲
*General Surgery*
Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation – La Crosse, Wisconsin

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▲Arnold P. Gold Humanism Honor Society
Whitney Smith Hotsinpiller
Transitional Year (2020)
Brookwood Baptist Health – Birmingham, Alabama
Radiation Oncology (2021)
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

DeJarra Caprii Johnson
Neurology
St. Joseph’s Hospital – Phoenix, Arizona

Caleb Judge
Internal Medicine
University of Tennessee Health Science Center – Memphis, Tennessee

Tyler Joseph Kaelin▲
General Surgery
University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

Hayden Hamby Kassels
Obstetrics & Gynecology
University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

Matthew A. Kassels
Surgery-Preliminary
University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

Seth J. Lamb
Pediatrics
Children’s Mercy Hospital – Kansas City, Missouri

Cade Hallmark Loftin
Psychiatry
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

Michael Montgomery Marfce✝
Family Medicine
South Baldwin Regional Medical Center – Foley, Alabama

Will Aaron Martin*
Anesthesiology
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center – Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Benjamin J. McCormick
Internal Medicine
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education – Jacksonville, Florida

Tanner Harrison McGill
Emergency Medicine
University of Florida College of Medicine – Gainesville, Florida

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✝Research with Honors
Malik K. J. McMullin  
*Internal Medicine/Pediatrics*  
University of Louisville School of Medicine – Louisville, Kentucky

Ryan Patrick Miller  
*Transitional Year (2020)*  
WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center – Marietta, Georgia  
*Diagnostic Radiology (2021)*  
Memorial Health/University Medical Center – Savannah, Georgia

Andrew Hairston Mims  
*Internal Medicine*  
University of Tennessee College of Medicine – Chattanooga, Tennessee

Samanta Mukkamala  
*Family Medicine*  
Lewis Gale Medical Center – Roanoke, Virginia

William Berney Caine Nicolson  
*Internal Medicine*  
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

Robert Joshua Ousley  
*Internal Medicine*  
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

Taylor Bartlett Ousley  
*Psychiatry*  
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

Rekha Paladugu  
*Masters of Science in Clinical Research Methods*  
Tulane University Health Science Center – New Orleans, Louisiana

Anu Pandit  
*Internal Medicine*  
University of Chicago Medical Center – Chicago, Illinois

Sasank Raheel Peramsetty  
*Family Medicine*  
University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine – Tampa, Florida

Elisabeth May Potts  
*Family Medicine*  
Womack Army Medical Center – Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Lucas Blumer Ramsey  
*Internal Medicine*  
Abbott Northwestern Hospital – Minneapolis, Minnesota

▲Arnold P. Gold Humanism Honor Society
Jazmin Chanéél Scott  
*Psychiatry*  
Tripler Army Medical Center – Honolulu, Hawaii

Kristin Nicole Sheehan  
*Internal Medicine*  
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center – Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Maria Siow* ▲  
*Internal Medicine/Pediatrics*  
University of Cincinnati Medical Center – Cincinnati, Ohio

Destini Aliyah Smith▲  
*Child Neurology*  
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

Jorden Eileen Smith  
*Internal Medicine*  
University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine – Tampa, Florida

Supraja R. Sridhar  
*Internal Medicine*  
LSU School of Medicine – New Orleans, Louisiana

Michael Patrick Steadman▲  
*Internal Medicine*  
Vanderbilt University Medical Center – Nashville, Tennessee

Anna Caroline Stevens  
*General Surgery*  
Cooper Medical School of Rowan Univ./Cooper University Hospital – Camden, New Jersey

Sara Anne Stringfellow  
*Obstetrics & Gynecology*  
University of South Alabama Hospitals - Mobile, Alabama

Earl Chandler Tedder  
*Surgery-Preliminary*  
University of South Alabama Hospitals - Mobile, Alabama

Kelsey Anne Templeton  
*Neurological Surgery*  
Yale-New Haven Hospital – New Haven, Connecticut

Christopher Martin Tidwell  
*Internal Medicine*  
University Hospitals – Jackson, Mississippi

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Jeremy R. Towns
Emergency Medicine
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

William Chase Wiggins
General Surgery (2020)
Brookwood Baptist Health – Birmingham, Alabama
Diagnostic Radiology (2021)
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

Kelsea Cheyenne Wright
Anesthesiology
Baylor-Scott & White – Temple, Texas

Aubrey Paige Young
Neurology
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

Patrick Graham Young
Orthopaedic Surgery
University of South Alabama Hospitals - Mobile, Alabama

Taylor Whitman Young
Emergency Medicine
Prisma Health-Upstate/University of SC School of Medicine – Greenville, South Carolina

Ellen Yilin Zhou
Anesthesiology
Rush University Medical Center – Chicago, Illinois

Daniel Philip Zieman*
Dermatology
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education – Jacksonville, Florida

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Hippocratic Oath

I do solemnly swear by that which 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 whatever house I will enter, it shall be for the good of the sick to the utmost of my power.

That, holding myself aloof from wrong, from corruption, from the tempting of others to vice,

I will exercise my Art solely for the cure of my patient,

and will give no drug, perform no operation for a criminal purpose, even if solicited, far less suggest it.

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 do I promise.

And in proportion as I am faithful to this, my oath, may happiness and good repute be ever mine.

In the opposite if I shall be foresworn.
Scholarship Recipients

COM Dean’s Scholarship
Erin Bouska          Hunter Childers
Davis Diamond       Tyler Kaelin
Michael Marfice     Benjamin McCormick
Robert Ousley       Taylor Ousley
Supraja Sridhar     Kelsey Templeton
                      Kelsea Wright

COM Enrichment Award
Breanna Heard-Pinho  DeJarra Johnson
Malik McMullin       Destini Smith
                      Jeremy Towns

Charlotte H. and Samuel Eichold Scholarship
Joseph Cortopassi   Aaron Dinerman
Will Martin          Robert Ousley
                      Anna Stevens

Medical Alumni Scholar Award
Justin Beasley       Whitney Smith
William Nicolson     M. Patrick Steadman

Crampton Trust
Elisabeth Potts     Jordan Smith
                      Christopher Tidwell

Dr. Thomas J. Wool Endowed Scholarship
Lucas Ramsey

Thaddeus H. Waterman Scholarship
M. Patrick Steadman  Daniel Zieman

Ralph B. Chandler Scholarship
Travis Goodloe III

William S. McKnight Scholarship
William Nicolson     Lucas Ramsey

USA Medical Faculty Guild Mendenhall Scholarship
Joseph Cortopassi

Regan Robinson-Young Memorial Scholarship
Aaron Dinerman       Malik McMullin

Daniel F. Sullivan Memorial Scholarship in Pediatrics
Seth Lamb
Donna B. Ledet Memorial Scholarship
M. Patrick Steadman

L. W. Cave Family Endowed Scholarship
Hannah Ficarino  William Nicolson

Mark K. McDonald Memorial Fund
Davis Diamond

Mr. & Mrs. Mendel P. Goldstein Memorial Scholarship
Heath Donahue

Cope Memorial Scholarship
Travis Goodloe III

Stephanie A. Marsh Medical Scholarship
Travis Goodloe

Robert E. Russell Memorial Scholarship
Aaron Dinerman

Virginia Webb Endowment
John Friend IV

Christian Grinaker Memorial Scholarship
Bonnie Holley

AΩA Scholarship
Davis Diamond

Semple Family Endowed Scholarship
Maria Siow

Taylor-Davis Scholarship
Dylan Adams

Drs. Ron & Vicky Franks Scholarship Endowment
Maria Siow