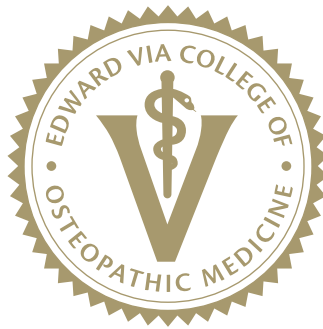


*The Edward Via  
College of Osteopathic Medicine*



*Class of 2020  
Graduation Ceremony*

*The Edward Via College  
of Osteopathic Medicine  
welcomes you  
to the  
Commencement Ceremony  
honoring the  
Class of 2020*



*Saturday, the ninth day of May  
Two Thousand and Twenty*

## *Mission*

The mission of the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) is to prepare globally minded, community-focused physicians to meet the needs of rural and medically underserved populations and promote research to improve human health.

VCOM's faculty, staff and students value professionalism, integrity, duty, compassion, altruism, knowledge and critical thinking.

## *Class of 2020 Statement*

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The Class of 2020 adopted this class statement at orientation to reflect their commitment to VCOM and their future as osteopathic physicians:

*We are honored to join those  
who are called upon when humanity is  
at its most vulnerable.*

*We strive to deny complacency,  
cultivate humility and  
embrace collaboration.*

*We will leave with servant hearts,  
using the power of healing  
that the human touch holds.*

## *The Degree of Osteopathic Medicine*

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The Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree is granted to and conferred by VCOM upon candidates who are of good moral, professional and ethical character and have satisfactorily completed all academic and national board requirements.

# *Class of 2020 Graduation Program*

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<b>Welcome Address</b>	President and Provost	Dixie Tooke-Rawlins, DO, FACOFP
<b>A Message from the Dean</b>	Dean, VCOM-Auburn	Elizabeth Palmarozzi, DO, FACOFP
<b>Greetings from the American Osteopathic Association</b>	AOA Board Representative	Timothy Kowalski, DO, FACN <i>Vice Provost and Trustee of the AOA</i>
<b>Greetings from the Class President</b>	Class of 2020	Jacob Taunton
<b>Graduation Address</b>	Commencement Speaker	John Rocovich Jr. JD, LLM <i>Chairman of the VCOM Board of Directors</i>
<b>Presentation of Candidates for Degree in Course Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine</b>		
<b>Conferring of the Degrees Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine</b>	Dean, VCOM-Auburn	Elizabeth Palmarozzi, DO, FACOFP
<b>The Osteopathic Oath</b>	Led by:	Elizabeth Palmarozzi, DO, FACOFP
<b>Alma Mater</b>	Performed by	The SOAP Notes
<b>Congratulations from Faculty and Staff and Class Memories</b>		

## *Letter from the President*

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**Dear Class of 2020**, on behalf of the entire College, we want to take this time to congratulate each graduate. It is your dedication, strength and stamina that has brought you to this exciting milestone in your career. When you enter your residency and further training, you will be a significant caregiver for your patients during this time. Your future is so bright it is blinding. The practice of medicine you will enter after today will not be the same practice of medicine when you retire. Remember these truths that have been so since Dr. Andrew Taylor Still, the father



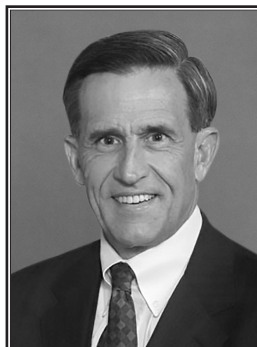
of osteopathic medicine graduated: “You do not know all of medicine today and you never will, so be a life-long learner. Caring for the whole person is to care for their mental health, their physical health and their spiritual well-being, so practice life-long caring. And remember the human body is a wonderful creation with an amazing ability to heal when given the right environment, the right care and right support.” We are so very proud of every graduate and welcome you to join more than 3,100 graduates known as VCOM Alumni!

## *Commencement Speaker*

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**John G. Rocovich Jr., JD, LLM** is the founder of the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) and Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Rocovich is an attorney and the Chairman of the law firm Moss & Rocovich Attorneys-at-Law, P.C. in Roanoke, Virginia where he practices taxation and trusts and estate law. Mr. Rocovich has dedicated himself to his



alma mater, Virginia Tech, and has held many offices to assist in the enhancement of that university.

His interests and support extend to other areas of education and civic organizations where he serves as a board member, including colleges and universities, museums, and financial and commercial institutions.

## *Military Graduates*

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The following students were selected for the Health Professions Scholarship Program and have been commissioned into their respective branches of the military. These students are promoted upon receipt of their degree from VCOM. We are thankful to each of our military graduates for their service and dedication to our country.

### **VCOM CLASS OF 2020**

#### Health Professions Scholarship Program Members

##### **AIR FORCE**

Craig Robert Goldhagen  
Audie Benjamin Mackie  
Schmid

##### **ARMY**

Zachary Steven Jarrett  
Vernon Thomas Sharp  
Kenneth Conrad Stroer

##### **NAVY**

Matthew Robert Ferguson  
Hendrix Lafontant  
Victoria P. Lafontant  
Nicholas Ford Ryan

### **VCOM CLASS OF 2020**

#### Veterans

Kyle Walker Johnson  
Nicholas Anthony McDonald  
Heather Kaye Milloy  
Ernest J. Philon III  
Matthew Brent Pickich

### **VCOM CLASS OF 2020**

#### Alabama National Guard Educational Assistance Program

Ernest J. Philon III  
Matthew Brent Pickich  
Kendall Alexander Talley

# *Sigma Sigma Phi Honor Society*

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Sigma Sigma Phi is an Honorary Osteopathic Service Fraternity. The objectives and purposes are to further the science of Osteopathic medicine and its standards of practice and to improve the scholastic standing among its students. Class of 2020 students with a 3.8 overall grade point average at the time of induction and who have demonstrated that they have performed significant community service and have a proven track record of professionalism and leadership skills are eligible for consideration of membership.

## **VCOM CLASS OF 2020** Sigma Sigma Phi Chi-Alpha Chapter Members

Allison McNeil Akridge	Candice Ibarra Ostermann	Marc Joseph Oropilla
Melina Frances Alexander	Nawzad Nazar Jacksi	Benjamin Pardue
Ashley Elisabeth Andrews	Zachary Steven Jarrett	Jayme Erin Parker
Jebha Christina Babu	Katelyn Petitfils Joubert	Krupa Rohit-Chirag Patel
Ryan Douglas Beard	Jasmine Farideh Jovzpany	Chirag Dipakbhai Patel
Johnrick Pierce Bishop	Berina Karic	Carroll Niles Phillips II
Brandon John Bowers	Victoria P. Lafontant	Ernest J. Philon III
Kayla Darci Brazelton	Hendrix Lafontant	Matthew Brent Pickich
Nathaniel David Burnham	Peyton Lee Lampley	Natalie Marie Puñal
Ambar Raheem Bux	Michael Conrad Landers	Jerica Kristin Nicole Robertson
Benton Reid Cauthen	Tiffany Lin	Kalei Marie Rollins
Chelsea Renee Cockrell	Ethan Andrew Lindenbaum	Nicholas Ford Ryan
John Michael Cook	Nicholas Anthony McDonald	Rehana Satani
Coleman Scott Cowart	Tyler Brant Miller	Roxane Irene Marie Shirazi
Brigitte Marie Margaret Davis	Heather Kaye Milloy	Cameron Park Slane
Timothy Joseph Demshar	Veronica Elena Moíño	Caitlin Marie Stoll
Louis Robert Dishman	Bruno Vergilio Moraes	Kenneth Conrad Stroer
Thomas Joseph Fredericks	Luke Matthew Mueller	Kendall Alexander Talley
Jordan A. Gillenwater	David Christopher Muscat Jr.	Jacob David Taunton
Rishikumar Gopinath	Amber Nicole Neal	Evan Alexander Thomas
Benjamin Michael Goulding	Kyle Arthur Nielsen	Michael Taylor Ulmer
Emily Lyn Grandprey	Andrew Patrick Nolin	Erika Sekerak Wachs
Lauren Howard	Ibrahim Zoebali Noorbhai	Alexandra Jade Worthy

# *Gold Humanism Honors Society*

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Jebha Christina Babu  
Dorian Christine Bonam  
Chelsea Renee Cockrell  
Brigitte Marie Margaret Davis  
Thomas Joseph Fredericks  
Jordan A. Gillenwater  
Craig Robert Goldhagen  
Emily Lyn Grandprey  
Berina Karic  
Gulreen Ahmed Kassoo  
Hendrix Lafontant  
Victoria P. Lafontant

Brendan Joseph Lutz  
Tyler Brant Miller  
Veronica Elena Moño  
Nimrah Javaid Patail  
Hannah Elizabeth Patterson  
Jessica Ramos  
Audie Benjamin Mackie Schmid  
Anna Christa Stamas  
Marina Ashlyn Tipold  
Christina Thanh-Vi Tran  
Johnathone Yang

## *Honor Code Council*

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*Chair:* Joseph Gerard Sonntag  
*Vice Chair:* Hannah Danielle Jaudon Spiker  
Ambar Raheem Bux

Carol Yvette Harden  
Michael Conrad Landers  
Jason Doyle Simpson

## *Biomedical and Research Awards*

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### **Biomedical Award**

Ibrahim Zoebali Noorbhai

### **Research Award**

Brendan Joseph Lutz



# *Student Leaders*

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## **Class Officers**

*President:* Jacob David Taunton

*Vice President:* Emily Lyn Grandprey

## **Student Government Association (SGA)**

*President:* Jordan A. Gillenwater

*Vice President:* Gulreen Ahmed Kassoo

*Secretary:* Ashley Elisabeth Andrews

*Treasurer:* Rishikumar Gopinath

## **Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA)**

*President:* Brigitte Marie Margaret Davis

*Vice President:* Marissa Ann Lee

*Secretary:* Chirag Dipakbhai Patel

*Treasurer:* Candice Ibarra Ostermann

*National Liaison:* Anna Christa Stamas

## **American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians (ACOEP)**

*President:* Corban Eugene Caldwell

## **American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP)**

*President:* Marina Ashlyn Tipold

## **American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOOG)**

*President:* Katherine Starrett Magnuson

## **American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians (ACOP)**

*President:* Melina Frances Alexander

## **American Medical Women's Association (AMWA)**

*President:* Amber Nicole Neal

## **American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine (AOASM)**

*President:* William Michael Tremlett

## **Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA)**

*President:* Hendrix Lafontant

## **Hispanic Community Medical Outreach (HCMO)**

*President:* Jessica Ramos

## **Muslim Medical Student Association (MMSA)**

*President:* Samna Rasheed

## **Student American Association of Osteopathy (SAAO)**

*President:* Haglaeesh Trejo Contreras

## **Student Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (SAMOPS)**

*President:* Matthew Brent Pickich

## **Student National Medical Association (SNMA)**

*President:* Jebha Christina Babu

## *Student Leaders*

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### **Student Osteopathic Internal Medicine Association (SOIMA)**

*President:* Thomas Joseph Fredericks

### **Student Osteopathic Surgical Association (SOSA)**

*President:* Timothy Joseph Demshar

### **Via Wellness**

*Intellectual:* Richa Mehta Thakkar

*Physical:* Natalie Marie Puñal

*Social:* Sydney Kaitlin Matthews

*Spiritual:* Rehana Satani

## *National and Regional Leadership Positions*

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### **Carol Harden**

Student National Medical Association (SNMA)

*Osteopathic Schools Committee Co-Chair,*

2019-2020

*Osteopathic Schools Committee Vice-Chair,*

2018-2019

*Journal of the Student National Medical*

*Association, Editor, 2017-2019*

### **Sergeine Lezeau**

Student National Medical Association (SNMA)

*National Publications Committee Chair,*

2017-2019

*Journal of the Student National Medical*

*Association, Editor-in-Chief, 2017-2020*

American Osteopathic Association (AOA)

*AOA Liaison, 2019-2020*

## *Student Ambassadors*

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Allison McNeil Akridge	Bruno Vergilio Moraes	Kendall Alexander Talley
Ashley Elisabeth Andrews	Dominique Noel Moreno	Jacob David Taunton
Benton Reid Cauthen	Amber Nicole Neal	Richa Mehta Thakkar
Alisa Chauhan	Ernest J. Philon III	Austin Rhea Thomas
Craig Robert Goldhagen	Natalie Marie Puñal	Evan Alexander Thomas
Carol Yvette Harden	Roxane Irene Marie Shirazi	Alexandra Jade Worthy
Madeline Dru Hearn	Jason Doyle Simpson	
Hendrix Lafontant	Hannah Danielle Jaudon Spiker	

## *Student Doctors of the Region*

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### **East Alabama Medical Center**

Emily Lyn Grandprey

### **Crestwood Medical Center**

Austin Rhea Thomas

### **South Georgia Medical Center**

Amanda Denise Hargrove

### **Wellington Regional Medical Center**

Natalie Marie Puñal

### **Orange Park Medical Center**

Brandon John Bowers

### **Grandview Medical Center**

Michael Conrad Landers

### **Jack Hughston Memorial Hospital**

Jordan A. Gillenwater

### **Piedmont Columbus Regional**

Sidney Krichelle Stewart

### **Medical Center Enterprise**

Anna Trujillo

### **Russell Medical Center**

Ridgeland Clay Dabbs

### **Ft. Walton Beach Medical Center**

Hannah Patterson

### **Gadsden Regional Medical Center**

Roxane Irene Marie Shirazi

### **Southern Regional Area Health Education Center**

Anna Christa Stamas

## *Distinguished Scholars*

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### **Surgery**

Benjamin Pardue  
Jacob David Taunton  
Chelsea Renee Cockrell

### **Family Medicine**

Susanna Swisher Ulmer  
Jeremy Keon Prince  
Corban Caldwell

### **Pediatric**

Victoria P. Lafontant  
Hannah Patterson  
Rachel D. Lyman

### **Geriatric**

Jerry Allen Grant Jr.  
Luke Matthew Mueller  
Johnathone Yang

### **Internal Medicine**

Thomas Joseph Fredricks  
Johnny Lee Nguyen  
Shirley Cotty Reed

### **Psychiatry**

Brigitte Davis  
Ethan Andrew Lindenbaum  
Dominique Noel Moreno

### **Obstetrics and Gynecology**

Emily Lyn Grandprey  
Caitlin Marie Stoll  
Roxane Shirazi

### **Emergency Medicine**

Corban Caldwell  
Peyton Lee Lampley  
Kyle Arthur Nielsen

## *Clinical Skills and Simulation Interns*

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Thomas Joseph Fredericks  
Amanda Denise Hargrove  
Nicholas Anthony McDonald  
Veronica Elena Moïño

Marc Joseph Oropilla  
Benjamin Pardue  
Hannah Elizabeth Patterson  
Rehana Satani

Joseph Gerard Sonntag  
Tenzin Tseky  
Susanna Swisher Ulmer  
Johnathone Yang

# *Student Scholarships*

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## **Jebha Christina Babu**

W.A. Brookshire Foundation Scholarship  
2016-2017

## **Dorian Christine Bonam**

National Health Service Corps  
Scholarship Program  
2016-2020

## **Corban Eugene Caldwell**

American Osteopathic Foundation  
(AOF) Welch Scholar  
2017-2018

## **Matthew Robert Ferguson**

Navy Health Professions  
Scholarship Program  
2016-2020

## **Craig Robert Goldhagen**

Air Force Health Professions  
Scholarship Program  
2016-2020

## **Kayla Renee Robinson**

Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation  
2016-2017

## **Zachary Steven Jarrett**

Army Health Professions  
Scholarship Program  
2016-2020

## **Hendrix Lafontant**

Navy Health Professions  
Scholarship Program  
2016-2020

## **Victoria P. Lafontant**

Navy Health Professions  
Scholarship Program  
2016-2020

## **Sydney Kaitlin Matthews**

First Baptist Church Scholarship,  
Meridian, MS  
2016-2017

## **Mckenzie Diane Merritt**

Indian River State College Foundation,  
Inc. Scholarship  
2016-2017

## **Laura Beth Mims**

Kids Cancer Alliance  
2016-2019

## **Ernest J. Philon III**

Alabama National Guard Educational  
Assistance Program (ANGEAP)  
2017-2019

Medical Dental School  
Stipend Program  
2017-2019

# *Student Scholarships*

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## **Matthew Brent Pickich**

Alabama National Guard Educational  
Assistance Program (ANGEAP)  
2017-2019

## **Nicholas Ford Ryan**

Navy Health Professions  
Scholarship Program  
2018-2019

## **Rehana Satani**

Frank B. Rocovich Scholarship  
2016-2019

## **Audie Benjamin Mackie Schmid**

Air Force Health Professions  
Scholarship Program  
2016-2020

## **Macy Phillips Tabb**

Memorial Hospital and  
Manor Scholarship  
2016-2020

## **Vernon Thomas Traeder Sharp**

Army Health Professions  
Scholarship Program  
2016-2020

## **Hannah Danielle Jaudon Spiker**

Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation  
2016-2019

Zeta Tau Scholarship  
2017-2018

## **Caitlin Marie Stoll**

Americorps  
2016-2018

## **Kenneth Conrad Stroer**

Army Health Professions  
Scholarship Program  
2016-2020

## **Kendall Alexander Talley**

Alabama National Guard Educational  
Assistance Program (ANGEAP)  
2017-2019

Medical Dental School  
Stipend Program  
2017-2019

## **Christopher Ryan Wing**

Licking County Foundation  
Scholarship  
2018-2019





*Degrees in Course*  
*May 9, 2020*



# *Degrees in Course*

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## Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

Allison McNeil Akridge	Timothy Joseph Demshar	Gulreen Ahmed Kassoo
Melina Frances Alexander	Louis Robert Dishman	Basima Hasan Khan
Ashley Elisabeth Andrews	Ashleigh Dugas Dupuy	Karin Nicole Christine
Jebha Christina Babu	Matthew Robert Ferguson	de Mello Kuusisto
Anahita Bahrami	Thomas Joseph Fredericks	Hendrix Lafontant
Ryan Douglas Beard	Kevin R. Giattina	Victoria P. Lafontant
Kimberly Berman	Jordan A. Gillenwater	Peyton Lee Lampley
Alexander Sean Besser	Craig Robert Goldhagen	Michael Conrad Landers
Johnrick Pierce Bishop	Rishikumar Gopinath	Bryan Robert Lee
Christopher Paul Blaine	Benjamin Michael Goulding	Marissa Ann Lee
Dorian Christine Bonam	Emily Lyn Grandprey	Sergeine T. Lezeau
Brandon John Bowers	Jerry Allen Grant Jr.	Tiffany Lin
Kayla Darci Brazelton	Rinko Grewal	Ethan Andrew Lindenbaum
Nathaniel David Burnham	Katelyn Elisabeth Hardeman	Lauren Elizabeth Lowrey
Ambar Raheem Bux	Carol Yvette Harden	Brendan Joseph Lutz
Jannat Rahim Bux	Amanda Denise Hargrove	Rachel D. Lyman
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Benton Reid Cauthen	Madeline Dru Hearn	Chad Richard Marshall
Tiffany Chapman	Lauren Howard	Sydney Kaitlin Matthews
Alisa Chauhan	Candice Ibarra Ostermann	Nicholas Anthony McDonald
Chelsea Renee Cockrell	Nawzad Nazar Jacksi	Emma Kathryn McDowell
Haglaeeh Trejo Contreras	Zachary Steven Jarrett	Daniel Robert Meis
John Michael Cook	Kyle Walker Johnson	Mckenzie Diane Merritt
Coleman Scott Cowart	Katelyn Petitfils Joubert	Tyler Brant Miller
Ridgeland Clay Dabbs	Jasmine Farideh Jovzpany	Heather Kaye Milloy
Brigitte Marie Margaret Davis	John Kapaniris	Laura Beth Mims
Olivia Celine Demarta	Berina Karic	Veronica Elena Moioño

# *Degrees in Course*

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## Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

Bruno Vergilio Moraes	Samna Rasheed	Kendall Alexander Talley
Dominique Noel Moreno	Umar Rashid	Jacob David Taunton
Luke Matthew Mueller	Shirley Cotty Reed	Christopher Mark Terrell
David Christopher Muscat Jr	Branden Reshard Riggins	Richa Mehta Thakkar
Amber Nicole Neal	Jerica Kristin Nicole Robertson	Amanda Elise Thomas
Kristopher Andrew Nelson	Kayla Renee Robinson	Austin Rhea Thomas
Brenda D. Nguyen	Kalei Marie Rollins	Evan Alexander Thomas
Johnny Lee Nguyen	Nicholas Ford Ryan	Marina Ashlyn Tipold
Kyle Arthur Nielsen	Golnaz Sadeghiani	Christina Thanh-Vi Tran
Andrew Patrick Nolin	Michael David Saggio	William Michael Tremlett
Ibrahim Zoebali Noorbhai	Rehana Satani	Anna Trujillo
Marc Joseph Oropilla	Audie Benjamin Mackie Schmid	Tenzin Tseky
Benjamin Pardue	Juan Sebastian Serna-Gonzalez	Michael Taylor Ulmer
Jayne Erin Parker	Vernon Thomas Traeder Sharp	Susanna Swisher Ulmer
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Chirag Dipakbhai Patel	Jason Doyle Simpson	Caleb Bradford Whitehead
Krupa Rohit-Chirag Patel	Cameron Park Slane	John Tilton Willingham
Hannah Elizabeth Patterson	Joseph Gerard Sonntag	Sean Austin Wilson
Mary Denise Peeples	Hannah Danielle Jaudon Spiker	Christopher Ryan Wing
Victoria Lynn Persampiere	Anna Christa Stamas	Alexandra Jade Worthy
Tin Thanh Pham	Micah A. Staples	Johnathone Yang
Carroll Niles Phillips II	Chelsey Danielle Stewart	Frances Yu
Ernest J. Philon III	Sidney Krichelle Stewart	
Matthew Brent Pickich	Kathryn Tyler Stickley	
Jeremy Keon Prince	Caitlin Marie Stoll	
Natalie Marie Puñal	Kenneth Conrad Stroer	
Jessica Ramos	Macy Phillips Tabb	





*Graduate Medical  
Education Locations  
Class of 2020*

# *Class of 2020*

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## Graduate Medical Education Locations

### Allison McNeil Akridge

Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare  
Tallahassee, Florida  
Family Medicine

### Melina Frances Alexander

Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center  
Toledo, Ohio  
Emergency Medicine

### Ashley Elisabeth Andrews

University of South Alabama Hospitals  
Mobile, Alabama  
Internal Medicine

### Jebha Christina Babu

University of Texas Medical School at Houston  
Houston, Texas  
Pediatrics

### Anahita Bahrami

Advocate Health Care  
Chicago, Illinois  
Family Medicine

### Ryan Douglas Beard

University of North Dakota  
School of Medicine and Health Sciences  
Grand Forks, North Dakota  
General Surgery/Rural

### Kimberly Berman

Richmond University Medical Center  
Staten Island, New York  
Internal Medicine

### Alexander Sean Besser

Memorial Healthcare System  
Pembroke Pines, Florida  
Neurology

### Johnrick Pierce Bishop

University of Kentucky Medical Center  
Bowling Green, Kentucky  
Transitional

University of Kentucky Medical Center  
Lexington, Kentucky  
Radiology-Diagnostic

### Christopher Paul Blaine

Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center  
Idaho Falls, Idaho  
Internal Medicine

### Dorian Christine Bonam

Southern Regional Area Health Education Center  
Fayetteville, North Carolina  
Family Medicine

### Brandon John Bowers

Grand Strand Regional Medical Center  
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina  
Emergency Medicine

### Kayla Darci Brazelton

University of Oklahoma College of Medicine  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Psychiatry

### Nathaniel David Burnham

HCA Medical City Arlington  
Arlington, Texas  
Family Medicine

### Ambar Raheem Bux

Zucker School of Medicine –  
Northwell Staten Island University  
Staten Island, New York  
Internal Medicine

### Jannat Rahim Bux

Mercy Health – St. Rita's Medical Center  
Lima, Ohio  
Internal Medicine

### Corban Eugene Caldwell

Beaumont Health  
Farmington Hills, Michigan  
Emergency Medicine

# *Class of 2020*

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## Graduate Medical Education Locations

Benton Reid Cauthen

University of Kentucky Medical Center  
Lexington, Kentucky  
Anesthesiology

Tiffany Chapman

East Central Mississippi Health  
Meridian, Mississippi  
Family Medicine

Alisa Chauhan

WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center  
Marietta, Georgia  
Internal Medicine

Chelsea Renee Cockrell

University of Kentucky Medical Center  
Bowling Green, Kentucky  
Obstetrics-Gynecology

Haglaeoh Trejo Contreras

University of Mississippi Medical Center  
Jackson, Mississippi  
Pediatrics

John Michael Cook

University of Louisville School of Medicine  
Louisville, Kentucky  
Emergency Medicine

Coleman Scott Cowart

Desert Regional Medical Center  
Palm Springs, California  
Emergency Medicine

Ridgeland Clay Dabbs

North Mississippi Medical Center  
Tupelo, Mississippi  
Family Medicine

Brigitte Marie Margaret Davis

University of Mississippi Medical Center  
Jackson, Mississippi  
Obstetrics-Gynecology

Olivia Celine Demarta

Methodist Health System  
Dallas, Texas  
Family Medicine

Timothy Joseph Demshar

Akron General Medical Center  
Akron, Ohio  
General Surgery

Louis Robert Dishman

Brookwood Baptist Health  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Radiology-Diagnostic

Ashleigh Dugas Dupuy

Wellington Regional Medical Center  
Wellington, Florida  
Internal Medicine

Matthew Robert Ferguson

Walter Reed Military Hospital  
Bethesda, Maryland  
Internal Medicine

Thomas Joseph Fredericks

Orange Park Medical Center  
Orange Park, Florida  
Transitional  
University of Florida College of Medicine  
Jacksonville, Florida  
Radiology-Diagnostic

Kevin R. Giattina

St. Vincent's East  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Family Medicine

Jordan A. Gillenwater

Geisinger Health System  
Danville, Pennsylvania  
Obstetrics-Gynecology

Craig Robert Goldhagen

Geisinger Health System  
Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania  
General Surgery

# *Class of 2020*

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## Graduate Medical Education Locations

Rishikumar Gopinath

University Hospitals Osteopathic Consortium  
Parma, Ohio

Internal Medicine/Osteopathic

Benjamin Michael Goulding

Sparrow Hospital  
Lansing, Michigan  
Emergency Medicine

Emily Lyn Grandprey

Medical College of Georgia  
Augusta, Georgia  
Obstetrics-Gynecology

Jerry Allen Grant Jr.

Brookwood Baptist Health  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Internal Medicine

Rinko Grewal

McLaren Health Care  
Lansing, Michigan  
Internal Medicine

Katelyn Elisabeth Hardeman

St. Vincent's East  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Family Medicine

Carol Yvette Harden

University of Tennessee Health Science Center  
Memphis, Tennessee  
Family Medicine

Amanda Denise Hargrove

Memorial Healthcare System  
Hollywood, Florida  
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Mark Winston Hargrove

LewisGale Medical Center  
Salem, Virginia  
Internal Medicine

Madeline Dru Hearn

University of South Alabama Hospitals  
Mobile, Alabama  
Psychiatry

Lauren Howard

Corpus Christi Medical Center  
Corpus Christi, Texas  
Internal Medicine

Candice Ibarra Ostermann

SUNY Upstate Medical University  
Syracuse, New York  
Medicine-Preliminary  
Maimonides Medical Center  
Brooklyn, New York  
Anesthesiology

Nawzad Nazar Jacksi

Orange Park Medical Center  
Orange Park, Florida  
Emergency Medicine

Zachary Steven Jarrett

Brooke Army Medical Center  
San Antonio, Texas  
Internal Medicine

Kyle Walker Johnson

University of South Alabama Hospitals  
Mobile, Alabama  
Emergency Medicine

Katelyn Petitfils Joubert

University Hospitals and Clinics  
Lafayette, Louisiana  
Preliminary  
Geisinger Medical Center  
Danville, Pennsylvania  
Ophthalmology

Jasmine Farideh Jovzpariy

Brookwood Baptist Health  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Internal Medicine

# *Class of 2020*

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## Graduate Medical Education Locations

John Kapaniris

University of South Florida Health  
Morsani College of Medicine  
St. Petersburg, Florida  
Family Medicine

Berina Karic

Aurora Health Care  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Obstetrics-Gynecology

Gulreen Ahmed Kassoo

Sunrise Health  
Graduate Medical Education Consortium  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
Emergency Medicine

Basima Hasan Khan

Sovah Health  
Danville, Virginia  
Internal Medicine

Karin Nicole Christine de Mello Kuusisto

Loma Linda University  
Loma Linda, California  
Pediatrics

Hendrix Lafontant

Naval Medical Center  
Portsmouth, Virginia  
Transitional Year

Victoria P. Lafontant

Naval Medical Center  
Portsmouth, Virginia  
Pediatrics

Peyton Lee Lampley

Aventura Hospital and Medical Center  
Miami, Florida  
Emergency Medicine

Michael Conrad Landers

Brookwood Baptist Health  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Internal Medicine

Bryan Robert Lee

Grand Strand Regional Medical Center  
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina  
Anesthesiology

Marissa Ann Lee

University of Texas Medical Branch  
Galveston, Texas  
Internal Medicine

Sergeine T. Lezeau

Appalachian Osteopathic Postgraduate Training  
Institute Consortium (OPTIC)  
Pikeville, Kentucky  
Internal Medicine

Tiffany Lin

Orange Regional Medical Center  
Middletown, New York  
Internal Medicine

Ethan Andrew Lindenbaum

University of Massachusetts Medical School  
Worcester, Massachusetts  
Psychiatry

Lauren Elizabeth Lowrey

Brookwood Baptist Health  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Internal Medicine

Brendan Joseph Lutz

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VERSE 1: *There is a place dear to Southern Appalachia  
That was home once to you and to me  
Where we learned to heal the hearts of many  
And with our hands to help those most in need*

CHORUS: *VCOM to thee I will be faithful  
VCOM my alma mater true  
As I travel down the road I have chosen  
In my heart there is a little piece of you*

VERSE 2: *When we see the miracle of healing  
Let us hold true to all that we have learned  
And to the school with the name of Edward Via  
All your gifts to the world we will return*

CHORUS

VERSE 3: *There is a place in southern Appalachia  
Where physicians learn to see more than disease  
Where we learn to heal the body, mind, and spirit  
And to help all we touch to find some peace*

CHORUS



# *The Osteopathic Oath*

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I do hereby affirm my loyalty to the profession I am about to enter.

I will be mindful always of my great responsibility to preserve the health and the life of my patients, to retain their confidence and respect both as a physician and a friend who will guard their secrets with scrupulous honor and fidelity, to perform faithfully my professional duties, to employ only those recognized methods of treatment consistent with good judgment and with my skill and ability, keeping in mind always nature's laws and the body's inherent capacity for recovery.

I will be ever vigilant in aiding in the general welfare of the community, sustaining its laws and institutions, not engaging in those practices which will in any way bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession.

I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person, though it may be asked of me.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues in a spirit of progressive cooperation and never by word or by act cast imputations upon them or their rightful practices.

I will look with respect and esteem upon all those who have taught me my art.

To my college I will be loyal and strive always for its best interests and for the interests of the students who will come after me.

I will be ever alert to further the application of basic biologic truths to the healing arts and to develop the principles of osteopathy which were first enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.