



Medical Student and Faculty Awards Ceremony

Friday, May 8, 2026

Auditorium H
Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center
Lebanon, New Hampshire

Welcome

Tara K Cunningham, EdD, MS
Associate Dean for Student Life
Geisel School of Medicine

Presentation of Student and Faculty Awards

Presentation of Teaching Awards

Closing Remarks

Tara K Cunningham, EdD, MS

Reception

Auditoria A-D

Student and Faculty Awards & Honorees

**Frederic P. Lord Award in Anatomy
Vincent Yves Baribeau**

**Department of Anesthesiology Outstanding
Student Award
Holly Kathryn O'Hara**

**Department of Dermatology Marshall A. Guill III
Outstanding Service Award
James Feng**

**Department of Emergency Medicine Student Award
Mikayleigh Pearson**

**Department of Medicine Paul Gerber Student Award
Vincent Busque**

**Barry D. Smith, MD, Award for Excellence in Obstetrics
and Gynecology
Adriana Radosavljevic**

**Saul Blatman Award for Excellence in Maternal
and Child Health For Excellence in Obstetrics and
Gynecology
Eileen Margaret Nolan**

**Saul Blatman Award for Excellence in Maternal
and Child Health For Excellence in Pediatrics**

Helen Arlein Thomason

**Dr. Freddie Fu Orthopaedic Surgery
Student Award**

Margo Nolan

New Hampshire Pediatric Society Award

Kali A. Smolen

Department of Psychiatry Outstanding Student Award

Allen Yang

Harte C. Crow Award in Radiology

Trevor Canty

**Radiation Oncology Outstanding
Student Award**

Steven Tau

Arthur Naitove Surgical Scholar Award

Fares Awa

Diversity Visionary Leadership Award

Taylor Alexandra Cooper and Elena Gupta

Julian and Melba Jarrett Memorial Prize

Fares Awa

Merck Manual Awards

Taylor Alexandra Cooper and Paula Sofia Lara Mejia

Payson-Wilson-Hampers MD-MBA Scholars Award

Frida Velcani

John F. Radebaugh Community Service Award

Sarah Langdon Jennewein

John and Sophia Zaslow Prize

Stefano Rozental

S. Marsh Tenney Research Award

Kali A. Smolen and Steven Tau

Douglas P. Zipes, MD, Research Prize in Medicine

Shivesh Himanshu Shah

**C. Everett Koop, MD, Courage
Student Award**

Sarah Mittelmeier Curtis

**C. Everett Koop, MD, Courage
Faculty Award**

Fredrik B. Amell, MD

Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Student Award**

Ila K. Kaul

**Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine
Faculty Award**

Alexander D. Fuld, MD, MS

Assistant Professor of Medicine and Medical Education

**Kyle Janeczek Memorial Award
Lillian Lawrence**

Dartmouth-Mosenthal Surgical Society Inductees

**Fares Awa, Julia Alexis Byrd, Yash Deshmukh,
Jack Francis Donaghue, Jewelia A. Durant,
Richard Joseph Rosato**

Dartmouth-Mosenthal Surgical Society Faculty Fellows

Kerrington Smith, MD

Associate Professor of Surgery

D. Josh Mancini, MD

Assistant Professor of Surgery

**Rolf C. Syvertsen Fellow Award
Diya Mathur**

Rolf C. Syvertsen Scholars Award

**Vincent Busque, Jewelia A. Durant, Margo Nolan,
Kali A. Smolen, Steven Tau**

**Dean's Leadership Award
Helen Arlein Thomason**

**New Hampshire Academy of Family Physicians Award
for the Promise of Excellence in Family Medicine**

Sarah Mittelmeier Curtis

**New Hampshire American Congress of Obstetricians
and Gynecologists (ACOG)**

Chinmayee Hema Balachandra

**United States Public Health Service Excellence in
Public Health Award**

James Feng

Teaching Awards & Honorees

Thomas P. Almy Housestaff Teaching Award

Alton Daley, DO

Department of Orthopedics

Basic Science Teaching Award

Heather Hopley, MS

Instructor in Medical Education

Clinical Science Teaching Award

Nancy J. McNulty, MED '95

Professor of Radiology and Medical Education

Ann J. Davis Faculty Award

Matthew S. Duncan, MED '01

Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Medical Education

Chambers Community Faculty Award

Adam J. Schwarz, MD

Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine

Joseph F. O'Donnell Faculty Award

Charles R. Thomas, Jr., D '91, MD

Chair and Professor of Radiation Oncology and Applied Sciences

Department of Community and Family Medicine
Brienne Teaboldt, MD

Department of Medicine—Inpatient
Amanda W. Ratliff, MD

Department of Medicine—Outpatient
Christopher Kellogg, MD

Department of Neurology
Deborah Rukin Gold, MD

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Valerie A. Bell, MD, FACOG

Department of Pediatrics—Inpatient
Darcy J. Wolcott, DO

Department of Pediatrics—Outpatient
Rebecca H. Murphy, MD

Department of Psychiatry
John A. Hinck, MD

Department of Surgery
Andrew O. Crockett, MD
Meredith J. Sorensen, MED '06, MS

Faculty Excellence in Career Advising and Professional Development Award

Matthew L. Vestal, MD, MBA, MHS
Department of Surgery

Patience J. Gallagher, MD
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Program Excellence in Career Advising and Professional Development Award

Amy Rose, MEd
Director for Career Advising
Office of Student Life

Staff Excellence in Career Advising and Professional Development Award

Jamie Fairstone
Medical Student Education Coordinator
Departments of Anesthesiology and Psychiatry

Acknowledgment of Honors & Awards Previously Recognized

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society

Syed Rakin Ahmed, Fares Awa, Chinmayee Hema Balachandra, Vincent Yves Baribeau, Allison Grace Booher, Vincent Busque, Natalie Seulki Chen, Sarah Mittelmeier Curtis, Jewelia A. Durant, Isabelle Gedney Hentschel, Marissa Delores Kachadoorian, Kevin Ji Li, Diya Mathur, Kathryn Elizabeth McGongle, Margo Nolan, Eileen Margaret Nolan, Reade Otto-Moudry, Richard Joseph Rosato, Kali Smolen, Steven Tau, Quynh-Lam Vu Tran

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society is a professional medical organization founded in 1902 that recognizes and advocates for excellence in scholarship and the highest ideals in the profession of medicine.

Gold Humanism Honor Society

Fares Awa, Chinmayee Hema Balachandra, Vincent Busque, Ella Margaret Collins, Taylor Alexandra Cooper, Sarah Mittelmeier Curtis, Jack Francis Donaghue, Jewelia A. Durant, Suchi Singh Jain, Titilayo Mabogunje, Diya Mathur, Paula Sofia Lara Mejia, Katherine Pardo

The Thomas P. Almy Chapter of the Arnold P. Gold Humanism Honor Society was established at the Geisel School of Medicine in 2005 to recognize and honor individuals who are exemplars in their humanistic behaviors, their commitment to service, and their attitudes toward others.

Olive M. and Joseph F. Swigart Ethics Fellows

**Derek James Conaway Colaizzo, Sarah Mittelmeier Curtis,
Elena Gupta, Jamie Jiwon Park**

The Olive and Joseph Swigart Ethics Fellowship is awarded to 3–5 Geisel students working collaboratively with a faculty mentor to undertake a clinical ethics-focused research project during an academic year. The selected Geisel student and their faculty mentor conduct scholarly research regarding a specific clinical ethics issue to enhance patient care and ethics education. The awardees present their project to the Geisel community at the end of their academic year. Additionally, student projects have led to peer-review publications, conference presentations at professional societies, and poster sessions. The Ethics Fellowship Program was launched in 2017 under the directorship of Dr. Bill Nelson. The fellowship is funded by the Olive M. and Joseph F. Swigart Fund for Practical Education in Medical Ethics.

James Strickler Clinical Care Research Fellows in Global Health

**Oluchukwu Dele-Oni, Paula Sofia Lara Mejia,
Katherine Pardo**

This fellowship is awarded to a fourth-year student or students who share Dr. Strickler’s commitment to practicing global health with compassion, respect, and excellence. The recipients spend four to eight weeks working at Muhimbili National Hospital in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Global Health Scholars

Chinmayee Hema Balachandra, Allison Grace Booher, Oluchukwu Dele-Oni, Fayez G. Ghazi, Suchi Singh Jain, Titilayo Mabogunje, Vimbai Madondo, Paula Sofia Lara Mejia, Michael Nguyen, Holly Kathryn O'Hara, Stefano Rozental, Shivesh Himanshu Shah

These graduating students have participated in the Global Health Scholar Program and have demonstrated sustained commitment to global health, health equity, and service to diverse and underserved populations in both local and international contexts.

Rural Health Scholars

Trevor Canty, Lucas Craig, Jewelia A. Durant, Grace Millicent Palmer, Katherine Pardo, William Peterson, Andrew Potyk, Angel May Taylor

These graduating students have participated in the Rural Health Scholar Program during all four years of medical school and have demonstrated a continuing and strong commitment to the care of rural people and underserved communities.

Urban Health Scholars

Fares Awa, Daniella Azulai, Derek James Conaway Colaizzo, Ella Margaret Collins, Taylor Alexandra Cooper, Marisa Diiorio, Nathania Kumara Hartojo, Reade Otto-Moudry, Niveditta Ramkumar

These graduating students have demonstrated a commitment to serving diverse, medically underserved populations in urban settings. Throughout their four years of medical school, scholars have become competent clinicians, researchers, and public advocates for underserved patients and the unique health care needs of urban communities.

Medical Spanish Pathway of Distinction

**Julia A. Byrd, Trevor Canty, Bryan Chavez,
Sarah Mittelmeier Curtis, Sarah Langdon Jennewein,
Ila K. Kaul, Paula Sofia Lara Mejia, Jamie Jiwon Park,
Marina Predovic**

These graduating medical students have completed an intensive four-year curriculum designed to foster advanced language fluency, cultural competence, and effective patient communication. Their training encompassed immersive language instruction, simulation clinics, and specialized clinical rotations. In recognition of their sustained commitment to equitable, patient-centered care, each student is awarded a graduation distinction.



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