



Dartmouth
GEISEL SCHOOL OF
MEDICINE

Medicine Investiture Ceremony

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Lebanon Opera House

Lebanon, New Hampshire

Academic Procession

Chief Marshal

Steven D. Leach, MD

Interim Dean

Professor of Molecular and Systems Biology, Surgery, and Medicine

Preston T. and Virginia R. Kelsey Distinguished Chair in Cancer

Geisel School of Medicine

Faculty Marshal

Diana M. Rojas-Soto, MD

Assistant Professor of Neurology and Medical Education

Geisel School of Medicine

Student Marshal

Derek James Conaway Colaizzo

Platform Party

Faculty

Candidates for Degree

Presiding and Welcome Remarks

Steven D. Leach, MD

Investiture Address

Odette Harris D '91, MD, MPH

Professor of Neurosurgery

Paralyzed Veterans of America Endowed Professor of Spinal Cord Injury Medicine

Vice Chair of Department of Neurosurgery

Director of Brain Injury

Stanford University School of Medicine

Deputy Chief of Staff of Rehabilitation

Director of Defense Veterans Brain Injury Center

Veterans Affairs Health Care System

Student Speaker

Helen Arlein Thomason

Presentation of Student Awards

Good Physician Award

William Mellen Chamberlain Memorial Prize

Sonia N. Chimienti, MD, FIDSA

Dean of Educational Affairs

Professor of Medicine

Geisel School of Medicine

Presentation of Degree Candidates

Tara K. Cunningham, EdD, MS

Associate Dean of Student Life

Geisel School of Medicine

Hooding of Degree Candidates

Nancy J. McNulty, MED '95

Professor of Radiology and Medical Education

Geisel School of Medicine

Fellowship Director of Body Imaging

Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center

Julie Scott Taylor, MD, MSc

Associate Dean of Medical Education

Professor of Community and Family Medicine and Medical Education

Geisel School of Medicine

Interim Chair

Department of Community and Family Medicine

Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center

Presentation of Diplomas

Steven D. Leach, MD

Assisted by

Alexandra T. Rich

Registrar

Geisel School of Medicine

Jasper Joyce

Associate Registrar

Geisel School of Medicine

Recitation of the Hippocratic Oath

L. Campbell Levy, MD

Assistant Dean of Advanced Clinical Curriculum
Assistant Professor of Medicine and Medical Education
Geisel School of Medicine

Director of Inflammatory Bowel Disease Program
Digestive Diseases Center
Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center

Alumni Address

Kristin P. Casale D '89, MED '94

President of Alumni Council
Geisel School of Medicine

Closing Remarks

Steven D. Leach, MD

Recessional

Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Medicine

Syed Rakin Ahmed	Emily Jane Fleischmann
Nsomma Alilonu	Dominique Fontaine
Nash Allan-Rahill	Ovya Hema Ganesan
William Cody Andrews	Gwenyth Marie Gasper
Fares Awa	Fayez G. Ghazi
Daniella Azulai	Lawrence Guindine
Chinmayee Hema Balachandra	Elena Gupta
Vincent Yves Baribeau	Nathania Kumara Hartojo
Allison Grace Booher	Isabelle Gedney Hentschel
Alec Brown	Heidi Susanna Hopkins
Vincent Busque	Sarah Anne Howell
Julia Alexis Byrd	Suchi Singh Jain
Trevor Canty	Sarah Langdon Jennewein
Bryan Chavez	Anjali Jha
Natalie Seulki Chen	Kuan Jiang
Derek James Conaway Colaizzo*	Marissa Dolores Kachadoorian
Ella Margaret Collins	Ila K. Kaul
Taylor Alexandra Cooper	Charisse Kirnaz
Lucas Craig	Frances Lydia Koback
Sarah Mittelmeier Curtis	Apoorv Kondapelli
Oluchukwu Dele-Oni	Elizabeth Krogman
Yash Deshmukh	Maximillian Kutch
Marisa Diiorio	Tysen R. Lang
Ryan J. Ding	Paula Sofia Lara Mejia
Jack Francis Donaghue*	Lillian Lawrence
Jewelina A. Durant	Kevin Ji Li
Devina Espinoza	Nicholas Joseph Lima
James Feng**	Daniel Lutz

Titilayo Mabogunje
Vimbai Madondo
Chad Markey
Diya Mathur*
Kathryn Elizabeth McGonagle
Quintyn McKaughan
Michael Nguyen
Eileen Margaret Nolan
Margo Nolan
Holly Kathryn O'Hara
Reade Otto-Moudry
Grace Millicent Palmer
Katherine Pardo
Jamie Jiwon Park
Mikayleigh Pearson
William Peterson
Andrew Potyk
Marina Predovic
Adriana Radosavljevic
Niveditta Ramkumar
Richard Joseph Rosato

Stefano Rozental
William R. G. Sanders
Shivesh Himanshu Shah
Shahin Shahsavari
Kali A. Smolen^
Kristian Kim Sogaard*
SpiroAnthony Stathas
Steven Tau^
Shubham Tayal
Angel May Taylor
Helen Arlein Thomason
Quynh-Lam Vu Tran
Jerry Tullo
Frida Velcani*
Veronica Voronina
Allen Yang
Alexander Milan Yerkon

^ MD-PhD

* MD-MBA

** MD-MPH

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 the regimen I adopt shall be for the benefit of my patients according to my ability and judgment, and not for their hurt or for any wrong.

That I will lead my life and practice my art in uprightness and honor.

That into whatsoever house I shall enter, it shall be for the good of the sick to the utmost of my power, holding myself far aloof from wrong, from corruption, from the tempting of others to vice.

That I will exercise my art solely for the care of my patients, and will give no drug, perform no operation, for a harmful intent, even if solicited, far less suggest it.

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

These things do I swear. And now, if I will be true to this, may prosperity and good repute be forever mine; the opposite if I shall prove myself forsworn.

Investiture Speaker Biography

Odette Harris, D '91, MD, MPH

Dr. Odette Harris is the Paralyzed Veterans of America Endowed Professor of Spinal Cord Injury Medicine and serves as Professor of Neurosurgery, Vice Chair, and Director of Brain Injury at Stanford University. She is also Deputy Chief of Staff for Rehabilitation at the Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System, where she oversees multiple services and programs, including the Traumatic Brain Injury/Polytrauma System of Care, the Spinal Cord Injuries and Disorders Center, Blind Rehabilitation Services, and Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation.

Dr. Harris graduated from Dartmouth College and earned her MD from Stanford University School of Medicine, receiving numerous academic and research awards at both institutions. She completed her internship and neurosurgical residency at Stanford University Medical Center in Stanford, California, and later earned a Master of Public Health in Epidemiology from the University of California, Berkeley.

Following completion of her neurosurgical residency, Dr. Harris was awarded the prestigious William Van Wagenen Fellowship by the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. She conducted fellowship-related research at the University of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica, where she also serves as a Visiting Consultant in Neurosurgery.

Dr. Harris has authored numerous scientific articles and books and serves on several editorial boards, national committees, and scientific boards. Her leadership roles include Associate Editor for Neurosurgery; appointed member of the National Football League (NFL) Head, Neck and Spine Committee; appointed member of the Defense Health Board's Trauma and Injury Subcommittee; Board Chair of the Palo Alto Veterans Institute for Research (PAVIR); and President of the Western Neurosurgical Society.

Her contributions have been recognized with numerous academic, research, and humanitarian awards, including the Congress of Neurological Surgeons Clinical Fellowship Award, the American Association of Neurological Surgeons Spinal Cord/Spinal Column Injury Award, and the Western Neurosurgical Society Resident Award. Her research has also been honored internationally; the government of Jamaica awarded her the National Road Safety Council Award for outstanding contributions to traumatic brain injury research.

In 2019, Dr. Harris was named to the Forbes and Ebony Power 100 List as one of the most influential African Americans and received the National Medical Fellowships Award for Excellence in Academic Medicine. She received the Stanford RISE Award in 2021. In 2022, she was recognized by Stanford University as one of its 13 Women's History Makers and was named the inaugural recipient of the Kelley M. Skeff Professionalism Award at Stanford Health Care. She was again recognized as one of Stanford's 13 Women's History Makers in 2024.

In 2023, Dr. Harris was selected by the American Association of Neurological Surgeons as the William P. Van Wagenen Lecturer. In 2024, she was elected to the American Academy of Neurological Surgery (AAcNS). In 2025, she received the Trailblazer Award from the AANS/CNS Joint Section for Women in Neurosurgery and was honored with the establishment of an eponymous lecture—the Odette Harris Lectureship—by the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

Dr. Harris’s Endowed Professorship further distinguishes her as the first African American woman in neurosurgery—and the first woman in neurosurgery at Stanford—to receive this honor.

She serves as a Trustee for Dartmouth College, the Castilleja School, and the Boys & Girls Club of the Peninsula. Dr. Harris is a Fellow of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, a member of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, an elected member of the American Academy of Neurological Surgery, and a Fellow of the Aspen Global Leadership Network, to which she was appointed in 2018.

Acknowledgment of Honors & Awards Previously Recognized

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society

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

Gold Humanism Honor Society

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

Rolf C. Syvertsen Fellow* and Scholars

Vincent Busque	Margo Nolan
Jewelina Durant	Kali A. Smolen
Diya Mathur*	Steven Tau

Olive M. and Joseph F. Swigart Ethics Fellows

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

Dartmouth-Mosenthal Surgical Society

Fares Awa
Julia Alexis Byrd
Yash Deshmukh

Jack Francis Donaghue
Jewelina A. Durant
Richard Joseph Rosato

Medical Spanish Pathway of Distinction

Julia Alexis Byrd
Trevor Canty
Bryan Chavez
Sarah Mittelmeier Curtis
Sarah Langdon Jennewein

Ila K. Kaul
Paula Sofia Lara Mejia
Jamie Jiwon Park
Marina Predovic

James Strickler Clinical Care Research Fellows in Global Health

Oluchukwu Dele-Oni
Paula Sofia Lara Mejia

Katherine Pardo

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

Rural Health Scholars

Trevor Canty
Lucas Craig
Jewelina A. Durant
Grace Millicent Palmer

Katherine Pardo
William Peterson
Andrew Potyk
Angel May Taylor

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

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
Obstetrics and Gynecology**

Eileen Margaret Nolan

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

Elena Gupta

Julian and Melba Jarrett Memorial Prize

Fares Awa

Merck Manual Awards

Taylor Alexandra Cooper

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

Steven Tau

Douglas P. Zipes, MD, Research Prize in Medicine

Shivesh Himanshu Shah

C. Everett Koop, MD, Courage Student Award

Sarah Mittelmeier Curtis

Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Student Award

Ila K. Kaul

Kyle Janeczek Memorial Award

Lillian Lawrence

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) Award**

Chinmayee Hema Balachandra

United States Public Health Service Excellence in Public Health Award

James Feng

About the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth

Founded in 1797, the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth strives to improve the lives of the communities it serves through excellence in learning, discovery, and healing. The Geisel School of Medicine is renowned for its leadership in medical education, health care policy and delivery science, biomedical research, global health, and in creating innovations that improve lives worldwide. As one of America's leading medical schools, Dartmouth's Geisel School of Medicine is committed to training new generations of diverse leaders who will help solve our most vexing challenges in health care.



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