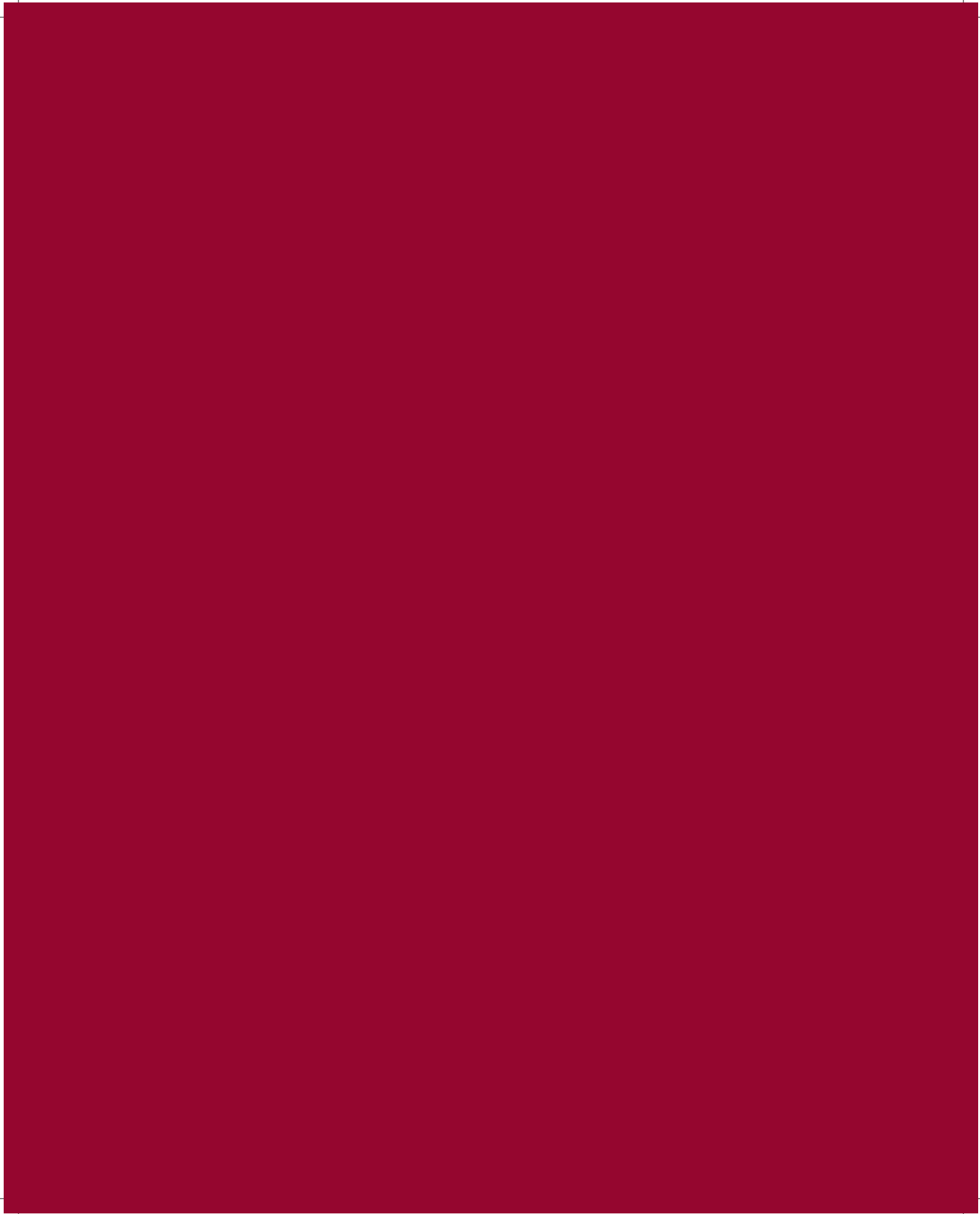




University of South Carolina



# Alma Mater

“WE HAIL THEE, CAROLINA”

*(Tune: Flow Gently, Sweet Afton)*

We hail thee, Carolina, and sing thy high praise;  
With loyal devotion, rememb'ring the days,  
When proudly we sought thee, thy children to be;  
Here's a health, Carolina, forever to thee!

G.A. Wauchope





University of South Carolina

*Commencement Exercises*

*School of Medicine Greenville*

*School of Medicine Columbia*

May 8, 2026

Koger Center for the Arts

# Today's Ceremony

The University of South Carolina welcomes you on this occasion of special recognition of graduates of the Schools of Medicine. We hope you will find these ceremonies meaningful.

While awaiting the beginning of the ceremonies, you may wish to read the historical note on the University and Schools of Medicine included in this program. Founded on December 19, 1801, to promote state unity following the American Revolution, South Carolina College endured a complex history to become the University of South Carolina for good in 1906. This fall, we will commemorate 225 years of resilience, spirit and success, celebrating our continued leadership as the University FOR South Carolina and our enduring community, including each new graduate presented today. There follows a brief description of the Carolina Mace, symbol of the university's immortal dignity and of the combined endeavors of the university community, as well as a detailed description of the academic costumes worn by members of the processions and our candidates for graduation.

The exercises will begin with a series of academic processions. They are headed by the university mace party, followed by representatives of the faculty, the graduates, Schools of Medicine and university officials, members of the university Board of Trustees and distinguished guests, and the university president.

Following the awarding of all degrees, the audience is asked to rise for the singing of the Alma Mater after which the platform party and the graduates will recess. The words of the song were penned by Professor George Wauchope of the English Department in 1911 and were adopted in 1912. The tune is that of "Flow Gently, Sweet Afton." "Here's a health, Carolina!" is a phrase which is repeated in Carolina's Alma Mater. Over the years, the custom has arisen of raising the right hand, with the fingers cupped, when the phrase "Here's a health, Carolina!" occurs, as if offering a toast. The Alma Mater is always sung with heads uncovered.

Once again, welcome to the Spring 2026 Commencement Exercises of the University of South Carolina Schools of Medicine.

# Order of Exercises

## PRESIDING

Dr. Michael D. Amiridis  
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## PROCESSIONS

The University Mace  
The Student Marshals  
The Candidates for Degrees  
The Schools of Medicine and University Officials  
The Board of Trustees and Distinguished Guests  
The President

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

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## INVOCATION

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## GREETINGS

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*Interim Dean, School of Medicine Columbia*

## REMARKS

The President

## PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER

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## CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. MacGilvray

## ALMA MATER

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University of South Carolina Faculty Brass Quintet



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## CAROLINA — A HISTORICAL NOTE

### “FAITHFUL INDEX TO THE AMBITIONS AND FORTUNES OF THE STATE”

The Palmetto State established South Carolina College on December 19, 1801, as part of an effort to unite South Carolinians in the wake of the American Revolution, promoting “the good order and harmony” of the state. The founding of South Carolina’s state college was also part of the Southern public college movement spurred by Thomas Jefferson. Within 20 years of one another, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia established state-supported colleges.

In the antebellum era, the Palmetto State generously supported South Carolina College. Its faculty included noted European scholars, such as Francis Lieber and Thomas Cooper, as well as renowned American scholars John and Joseph LeConte. Offering a classical curriculum, South Carolina College became one of the South’s most influential colleges, earning a reputation as the training ground for South Carolina’s antebellum elite.

South Carolina’s secession from the Union unleashed the devastation of the American Civil War, and the state and South Carolina College paid dearly. The institution closed for want of students, and in the ensuing decades, it struggled to regain its former status.

As Reconstruction from the Civil War proceeded, the state’s General Assembly chose the first African Americans to serve on the university’s Board of Trustees in 1868, and in 1873 the first Black students enrolled. While politically controversial, this development was an extraordinary opportunity at a time when opportunities for higher education were rare. The University of South Carolina became the only Southern state university to admit and grant degrees to African American students during the Reconstruction era.

Following the end of Reconstruction in 1877, South Carolina’s conservative leaders closed the university. They reopened it in 1880 as an all-white agricultural college, and during the next 25 years, the institution became enmeshed in the state’s political upheaval. South Carolina went through several reorganizations in which the curriculum changed and its status shifted from college to university and back again. The university also struggled to adjust to the arrival of intercollegiate athletics in 1892 and the admission of white women in 1894.

In 1906, the institution was rechartered for the final time as the University of South Carolina. In 1917, it became South Carolina’s first state-supported college or university to earn regional accreditation, and the 1920s brought the introduction of new colleges and degree programs, including the doctorate.

The Great Depression temporarily stalled progress, but the outbreak of World War II launched an era that transformed the university. South Carolina hosted

naval training programs during the war, and enrollment more than doubled in the postwar era as veterans took advantage of the G.I. Bill. In the 1950s, the university began recruiting national-caliber faculty members and expanded its footprint with the establishment of campuses across South Carolina.

In 1963, the University of South Carolina became desegregated. As the result of a federal court order, Henrie D. Monteith, Robert Anderson and James Solomon became the first Black students to enroll at the university in the 20th century. Minority enrollment would continue to grow in their wake and was complemented by a substantial international student population in subsequent decades.

At the same time, the university was undergoing explosive growth as the baby-boom generation entered college. Enrollment stood at 5,660 in 1960 but nearly quadrupled 20 years later. That increase in the student body was accompanied by the introduction of many new programs, including three that would prove to be momentous.

University 101 became a national model for cultivating freshman-year success; the accompanying National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition is based at the university. The international Master of Business Administration program, also launched in the 1970s, has consistently ranked among the country’s top three such programs. The honors program blossomed into the South Carolina Honors College and is hailed among the nation’s finest.

As the result of concerted efforts to expand its research capabilities, the university in 2006 was designated by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as a research institution of “very high research activity,” the foundation’s highest classification. The university is one of a select number of public universities to receive both the Carnegie Foundation’s top-tier research designation and community engagement designation.

South Carolina’s Bicentennial Campaign helped usher in the 21st century as the university celebrated a 200-year legacy of educating leaders for the state, the nation and the world. In recent years, the University of South Carolina system has launched an online degree-completion program through Palmetto College. Together with the college’s four campuses across the state, the online program offers students greater flexibility to complete coursework and speeds bachelor’s degree completion. These comprehensive programs have helped the university secure its place as a first-choice destination for students seeking the lifelong value of a quality higher education experience.

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE GREENVILLE

The University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville is a four-year medical program developed as a partnership between the University of South Carolina and Prisma Health-Upstate (formerly Greenville Health System).

The University of South Carolina is a globally recognized, high-impact research university committed to a superior student experience and dedicated to learning, research and community engagement innovation. Founded in 1801, the university offers more than 350 degree programs and is the state's only top-tier Carnegie Foundation research institution. More than 50,000 students are enrolled at one of 14 locations throughout the state, including the research campus in Columbia. With 47 nationally ranked academic programs, including top-ranked programs in international business, the nation's best honors college and distinguished programs in engineering, law, medicine, public health and the arts, the university is helping to build healthier, more educated communities in South Carolina and around the world.

Prisma Health-Upstate provides comprehensive health care for the 10-county upstate region of South Carolina and beyond. As both the safety net hospital and the major provider of specialty services, Prisma Health-Upstate is the predominant health care resource in the region and is one of only four Level 1 Trauma Centers in the state. Additionally, it has a rich academic history; currently, there are 16 ACGME-accredited postgraduate residencies and fellowships, as well as 384 clinical trials, 300 annual peer-reviewed publications and more than 350 national peer-reviewed presentations annually.

The School of Medicine Columbia's fourth-year medical students began doing their elective rotations at Prisma Health-Upstate in 1983. Citing a common interest in health care education and the acknowledgment of the robust clinical activity at the health company, the institutions partnered to create a branch regional clinical campus of the School of Medicine at its Upstate affiliate in 1991. For 23 years, 15 to 30 students relocated from Columbia to Greenville annually to complete their clinical clerkships.

Realizing that fulfillment of their mission and vision could best be achieved through expanding their relationship, the university and health company pursued a broader partnership and signed a networking agreement in 2008. With the goal of developing interdependent programs that would enable the institutions to evolve into an academic health system capable of meeting the challenges confronting health care delivery, the agreement sought to leverage the resources within the health company and the university's Health Sciences Division. Acknowledging the state's chronic shortages of health care professionals, discussions quickly gravitated toward expanding the undergraduate medical education program with the abundant clinical resources in Greenville, the most logical growth strategy involved developing the campus there to a four-year medical school with a separate Liaison Committee on Medical Education accreditation.

After completing a feasibility study and comprehensive planning study, the School of Medicine Greenville applied for Applicant School status with the LCME in January 2010. A Foundational Agreement was established, a multiyear financial projection was completed, and the mission, vision, goals and guiding principles were established. On Aug. 6, 2010, the boards of trustees of the health company and the university approved by proclamation the creation of the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville.

In August 2012, the School of Medicine Greenville opened on the health company's Greenville Memorial Medical Campus, welcoming its first class. In 2016, the school received full accreditation from the LCME and celebrated the graduation of the charter class. During the 2019-2020 academic year, the School of Medicine Greenville was selected as one of the five medical schools in the nation to be recognized as an Apple Distinguished School, highlighting our commitment to innovative and effective utilization of technology within the clinical learning environment. Today, the School of Medicine Greenville presents 88 doctors in our eleventh graduating class, the Class of 2026.

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE COLUMBIA

To improve health care for the citizens of South Carolina, planning for the establishment of the University of South Carolina School of Medicine began in the late 1960s. In 1973, the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education and the State Legislature authorized the university to apply for a grant from the Veterans Administration to assist in the development of the medical school. The grant was approved the following year.

Faculty recruitment and curriculum planning began in 1975, and in 1976 the School of Medicine received provisional accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the American Medical Association and the Association of American Medical Colleges. In February 1977, the school was granted approval for admission of its first class of 24 medical students that fall.

The charter class graduated in May 1981, at which time the School of Medicine was fully accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education. Medical student class size has quadrupled since the entrance of the first class, and today approximately 400 medical students are enrolled in our four-year program.

The School of Medicine's programs were augmented by the establishment of the Ph.D. program in biomedical science in 1981, the master of science in genetic counseling in 1985 and the master in nurse anesthesia in 1994. The master in rehabilitation counseling transferred to the School of Medicine in 1994. The master in biomedical science began in 1998. The physician assistant program began in 2017. Residency programs in emergency medicine, family medicine, general surgery, internal medicine, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, ophthalmology, orthopedic surgery, pediatrics, plastic surgery and psychiatry are cosponsored by Prisma Health, the Dorn Veterans Administration Medical Center and the South Carolina Department of Mental Health. A residency program in preventive medicine and fellowships in several clinical specialties are offered by individual School of Medicine and/or affiliated hospital departments.

The School of Medicine's basic science campus of fully renovated historic buildings is located four miles from the Columbia campus of the University of South Carolina. Most clinical departments are located on the Richland Medical Park campus in central Columbia. Affiliated hospitals are Prisma Health (including Prisma Health-Midlands and Prisma Health Baptist), the Dorn Veterans Administration Medical Center, the Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center and

facilities of the South Carolina Department of Mental Health.

In 1991, the university opened its first Rural Primary Care Center in Winnsboro, South Carolina. Since then, two additional Rural Primary Care Centers have opened, in Kershaw and Bennettsville. These centers enable medical students to train alongside students and faculty members from the university's other health professional degree programs in real-life rural practice settings. In 2014 the School of Medicine founded the Florence Regional Campus in Florence, South Carolina, to help address the shortage of primary care providers in rural and underserved areas of the state. Third- and fourth-year medical students complete their clinical rotations at McLeod Regional Medical Center and MUSC Health Florence Medical Center.

Work began last February on a facility that will redefine the future of health care education and research. The cutting-edge, 300,000-square-foot-plus medical facility will be part of USC's transformative \$300 million Health Sciences Campus, amid 16 acres in the city of Columbia's re-imagined BullStreet District. Expected to be completed in August 2027, the state-of-the-art medical school will be poised to address the diverse health challenges of the Palmetto State through pioneering education and research endeavors.

The University of South Carolina Brain Health Center, which opened in April, delivers exceptional diagnostics, treatment and support services to patients with cognitive conditions including Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Located on the university's Health Sciences Campus, the 65,000-square-foot facility features state-of-the-art technology and clinical and research spaces. Designed with patient care and comfort at the forefront, the outpatient facility offers 16 exam, testing and treatment rooms; an eight-bay infusion room for therapeutic treatments, and spaces dedicated to physical, occupational and speech therapy.

We also fulfill our mission to provide quality health care to the people of South Carolina through Prisma Health-Midlands, which is composed of a team of more than 500 faculty physicians and health care providers. From the Department of Neurology's clinically advanced stroke care and research to the recognized quality-focused health care model of the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine/Prisma Health-Midlands Family Medicine Center, we are addressing the future of health care today.

## ACADEMIC COSTUMES

The academic costumes worn in the procession of today's commencement and at other formal University occasions trace their origins to those worn by faculty and students at medieval European universities. With only minor modifications these costumes have remained largely unchanged since the 16th century. Standards for colleges and universities in the United States were established in 1895 with the adoption of an intercollegiate code which specifies design and color appropriate for various degrees. As in medieval times the costumes worn on formal academic occasions denote the wearer's academic heritage.

Modern academic costume consists of three parts: the gown or robe, a headpiece, and a hood. The gown denotes the wearer's level of education. The baccalaureate gown is the simplest in design. Usually black, it is distinguished by a wide yoke with shirring in front and back and by open flowing sleeves which end in a point. The baccalaureate gown is worn closed.

The master's gown is similar to the baccalaureate gown except that it has a closed or glove sleeve which is open at the wrist. The master's gown has no other trim and may be worn either open or closed.

The doctoral gown is full flowing and has large bell shaped sleeves. It is trimmed with velvet panels down the front and has velvet chevrons on the sleeves. While black is still the predominant color for doctoral gowns, the trim may be in a color which denotes the wearer's discipline or the color of the gown may denote the wearer's university.

The University of South Carolina's doctoral gown is garnet with black velvet panels and chevrons. The

University seal is embroidered on the panels. In today's procession, this gown is worn by the members of the Board of Trustees and University administrators.

The mortar board is the headpiece most often worn at American universities for formal occasions. It is appropriately worn with the board flat on the top of the head and with the tassel falling from the left quarter of the board. Tassel colors denote the field or discipline in which the wearer's degree was earned. Doctoral tassels are often gold. The soft velvet Tudor cap is also worn by many who hold the doctorate.

While the gown and headpiece denote the wearer's level of education, it is the hood which adds meaning and dimension to the academic costume. Changed little since medieval times, the hood is worn falling from the shoulders down the back of the gown in a display of vivid color. It is edged in velvet, which by its color denotes the field or discipline in which the wearer's degree was earned, and it is lined in two colors of silk which represent the college or university from which the degree was earned. Hence, the University of South Carolina hood is lined in garnet and black and edged with the appropriate discipline color. In today's ceremony, these discipline colors are green for Doctor of Medicine and Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies medicine, dark blue for the Doctor of Philosophy, yellow for the Master of Science in Genetic Counseling, apricot for the Master of Nurse Anesthesia, white for the Master of Rehabilitation Counseling and Certificate of Graduate Study in Psychiatric Rehabilitation, and sage for the Master of Science in Biomedical Science.

## THE UNIVERSITY MACE AND PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION

The University Mace was designed and fashioned by Leslie Durbin, distinguished silversmith of London, England. Academic maces are historically regarded as manifestations of the "immortal dignity" of universities and thus represent the past, present, and future. Officially adopted in 1967, the mace was presented to the University as a memorial to Susan Richardson Guignard by an alumnus, Dr. George Curry.

The brilliantly gleaming silver and gilt mace is nearly four feet long. Mounted on the head are the seals of the University, the State of South Carolina, and the Great Seal of the United States. From the middle of these arises a stylistic representation of the State Tree, the palmetto, the fronds of which are formed by a group of 13 stars, representing the founding colonies which include South Carolina. The shaft is decorated with

eight stars, reminding us that South Carolina was the eighth state to enter the Union.

The University Mace is carried in procession on occasions of outstanding importance, such as commencements, convocations, and formal dedications. The placement of the mace on its stand signals that the proceedings are about to come to order; its retirement indicates the conclusion of the exercises.

The significance of the mace is mirrored in the President's Medallion and Chain of Office which designate the wearer as the temporary embodiment of the institution's power and authority. The gift of the medallion accompanied the gift of the mace, and the linked silver Chain of Office was commissioned in 1991 by the Presidential Candidate Search Committee.

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE GREENVILLE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

With the graduation of the Class of 2026, the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville now has more than 900 alumni. The School of Medicine Greenville is in the process of establishing an alumni association to encourage additional social and profes-

sional relationships with other alumni, faculty members and community leaders in order to effectively address the medical needs of the community and encourage all graduates to serve as role models for current School of Medicine students.

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE COLUMBIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Established in 1998, the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Columbia Alumni Association includes all graduates from the school's M.D., Ph.D. and master's programs. The association is intended to bond SOMC alumni into a permanent and active organization that affords former students and friends the opportunity to forge and strengthen relationships with other alumni while representing the school and supporting its commitment to academic excellence and exceptional health care delivery. As defined in the bylaws, the association's mission is to promote the general welfare and develop-

ment of the School of Medicine Columbia, its affiliates and its alumni; to advance the cause of health care education in South Carolina in concert with the SOMC; to promote the interests of USC and affiliates for the benefit of South Carolina's citizens; to encourage alumni participation in professional, social and developmental activities; and to provide role models and mentoring support for School of Medicine students. The association is governed by a board of directors with alumni and student representatives from the M.D., Ph.D. and master's programs.



## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

### ANTON GUNN

With a distinguished career spanning college sports, healthcare, public service, and executive leadership, Anton Gunn is a sought-after strategic advisor to mission-driven leaders who want legendary success without sacrificing authenticity or purpose. As a former senior advisor to President Barack Obama and C-level healthcare executive, he delivers game-changing strategies that help organizations build legendary leaders and resilient teams.

A proven trailblazer from the start, Anton became the youngest CEO of a statewide nonprofit advocacy organization at 27. He later made history as the first African American elected to the South Carolina Legislature from his district. He was a two-time presidential appointee under the 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama. Anton became the first African American to serve as the Director of External Affairs at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Later in his career, he became the first African American C-level hospital executive at the Medical University of South Carolina Health System (MUSC Health). His meteoric rise in healthcare leadership earned him recognition as one of the Ten Most Influential Minority Executives in Healthcare. In 2026, Real Leaders Magazine named him #4 on their list of Top 100 Impact Speakers. His 25 years of service as a nonprofit board director and current Chairmanship at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport Commission

underscore his strategic leadership and corporate governance expertise.

With his unique ability to combine academic rigor with real-world experience, global organizations like Pfizer, KPMG, Microsoft, T-Mobile, SHRM, HCA Healthcare, and Mercedes-Benz Vans turn to Anton for his motivating insights on leadership and organizational culture. His presentations combine magnetic stage presence with profound wisdom and unforgettable storytelling, leaving audiences both inspired and equipped with actionable solutions that drive measurable results. He has delivered presentations to more than 2,600 audiences across all 50 U.S. states and dozens of countries, helping attendees to become legendary leaders and build world-class workplaces.

As a member of the prestigious Aspen Global Leadership Network, Forbes Coaches Council and former Harvard University Resident Fellow, Anton's thought leadership reaches millions through his best-selling books, proprietary research, and features in major media outlets such as Forbes, Inc., TIME, The Wall Street Journal, New York Times, NPR, CNN, and Good Morning America.

When he's not developing legendary leaders and transforming workplace cultures, Anton is a proud curator of 80s and 90s hip-hop memorabilia, proving that leadership, like music, is about rhythm, authenticity, and legendary impact.

## PRESIDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Jonathan Maxcy <i>President, 1804-1820</i>	William Spenser Currell <i>President, 1914-1922</i>
Thomas Cooper <i>President pro tem, 1820</i> <i>President, 1821-1834</i>	William D. Melton <i>President, 1922-1926</i>
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Samuel Chiles Mitchell <i>President, 1909-1913</i>	

# The Class of 2026

The following list of candidates for graduation was prepared before final grades were reported and inclusion does not constitute evidence of graduation. The listing of a name in this program should not be construed as an indication that the person will in fact receive a degree from the University of South Carolina at this commencement. Conversely, the absence of a student's name from this list does not necessarily mean that the person will not be awarded a degree. An asterisk(\*) following a candidate's name indicates the student is a March Seabrook Leadership Track graduate. A caret (^) following a candidate's name indicates the student is serving in the United States Armed Forces.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MEDICINE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE GREENVILLE

### **Georgette Nana Akua Adae-Mensah**

BS, Genetics – University of Georgia, 2020

MBS, Biomedical Sciences – Duke University, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: MedStar Georgetown University WHC, Colmar Manor, Maryland (Family Medicine)*

### **Neha Agnihotri**

BA, Biology – College of Charleston, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: University of Florida COM-Shands Hospital, Gainesville, Florida (Internal Medicine)*

### **Ruth Amarachi TejumadeJesu Amaku**

BS, Health Sciences – Sam Houston State University, 2016

MPH, Epidemiology – University of Texas Health Science Center Houston, 2019

*Hospital Appointment: Memorial Hermann Hospital, Sugar Land, Texas (Family Medicine)*

### **Ernesto Barquet Arrambide**

BS, Biology – Wofford College, 2019

*Hospital Appointment: University of Alabama Hospital, Birmingham, Alabama (Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation)*

### **Elena Irelia Blain**

BA/BS, Biology & Chemistry – East Carolina University, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: University of Alabama Hospital, Birmingham, Alabama (Pediatrics)*

### **James Romey Bloodworth III**

BA, Spanish – Furman University, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: Inova Fairfax Hospital, Falls Church, Virginia (Internal Medicine)*

### **Hunter Wayne Bohon**

BS, Biology – Clemson University, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Prisma Health-Univ. of South Carolina SOM Greenville, Greer, South Carolina (Family Medicine)*

### **Philip Cole Brewer**

BS, Biology – Clemson University, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland (Anesthesiology)*

### **Killian Joseph Bucci**

BS, Biology – Coastal Carolina University, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Grand Strand Regional Medical Center, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina (Transitional Year)*

*Hospital Appointment: Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina (Radiology-Diagnostic)*

### **Rowan Haley Naas Burns**

BS, Biology – Wofford College, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: ISMMS Mount Sinai Morningside-West, New York, New York (Emergency Medicine)*

**Jared Andrew Buteau**

BS, Public Health – University of South Carolina, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, Maryland (Emergency Medicine)*

**Sabrina Jean Carrel**

BS, Animal and Veterinary Science – Clemson University, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California (General Surgery)*

**Richard Vick Crowley III**

BS, Biology – University of Alabama, 2020

MBA, Finance – University of Alabama, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: Prisma Health-Univ. of South Carolina SOM Greenville, Greenville, South Carolina (General Surgery)*

**Anna Elizabeth Dean**

BS, Athletic Training & Exercise Science – College of Charleston, 2015

MS, Biomedical Sciences – University of Vermont, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Albany Medical Center, Albany, New York (General Surgery)*

**Shuvangee Dhar**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: University Hospitals, Columbia, Missouri (Neurology)*

**Raj Shekhar Dwivedi**

BS, Biological Sciences – Clemson University, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: Piedmont Macon Medical Center-Mercer University SOM, Macon, Georgia (Transitional Year)*

**Sameer Yousuf Ebrahim**

BSBA, Business Administration – University of South Carolina, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Western Michigan University Stryker SOM, Kalamazoo, Michigan (Orthopaedic Surgery)*

**Clay Warren Elliott**

BA, Molecular Biology – Colorado College, 2017

MBS, Biomedical Sciences – Duke University, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: University of Utah Health, Salt Lake City, Utah (Internal Medicine)*

**Jacob Alexander Estrada**

BS, Biology – Clemson University, 2019

MSMS, Medical Sciences – Medical University of South Carolina, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: University of Tennessee Graduate SOM, Knoxville, Tennessee (Internal Medicine)*

**Seth Isaac Evans**

BS, Microbiology – Brigham Young University, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: University of Alabama Hospital, Birmingham, Alabama (Anesthesiology)*

**Amaya Deziree Farr**

BS, Health Science – Queens University of Charlotte, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital, St Petersburg, Florida (Pediatrics)*

**Christine Dorothy Fasana**

BS, Chemistry – Furman University, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: Northwestern McGaw-Lurie Children's Hospital, Chicago, Illinois (Pediatrics)*

**Jacob Stephen French**

BS, Biology – Furman University, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Prisma Health-Univ. of South Carolina SOM Greenville, Greenville, South Carolina (Pediatrics)*

**Tracey Jae Gartner<sup>^</sup>**

BS, Biochemistry – Clemson University, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: Tufts Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts (Anesthesiology)*

**Caleb Thomas Godbee**

BS, Biological Sciences – Clemson University, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: University of South Alabama Hospitals, Mobile, Alabama (Orthopaedic Surgery)*

**Neorgia Anelka Grant**

BA, Environmental Studies – Mount Holyoke College, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Memorial Healthcare System, Pembroke Pines, Florida (Obstetrics and Gynecology)*

**Madelaine Tedrick Guest**

BS, Chemistry – Furman University, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: Prisma Health-Univ. of South Carolina SOM Greenville, Greenville, South Carolina (Internal Medicine)*

**William Tyler Haselman**

BS, Biochemistry – University of California Los Angeles, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Orlando Health, Orlando, Florida (Orthopaedic Surgery)*

**Jasmine Rain Hawkins**

BS, Genetics – University of Georgia, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Spartanburg Medical Center, Spartanburg, South Carolina (Transitional Year)*

*Hospital Appointment: University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, Madison, Wisconsin (Dermatology)*

**Vivian Nhatrang Ho**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: Prisma Health-Univ. of South Carolina SOM Columbia, Columbia, South Carolina (Internal Medicine)*

**Mohammad Hooshmand Zaferanieh**

BS, Biology – Winthrop University, 2016

MS, Community Engaged Medicine – Furman University, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Prisma Health-Univ. of South Carolina SOM Greenville, Greenville, South Carolina (General Surgery)*

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BS, Health Science – Clemson University, 2021

MS, Applied Health Research & Evaluation – Clemson University, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: Prisma Health-Univ. of South Carolina SOM Columbia, Columbia, South Carolina (Emergency Medicine)*

**Tanner Didace Huyck**

BS, Health Science – Clemson University, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: University of Arizona COM, Phoenix, Arizona (Internal Medicine/Pediatrics)*

**Amber D'Arcy Jacobsen**

BS, Public Health – Furman University, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: University of Colorado SOM, Aurora, Colorado (Internal Medicine)*

**Christian Conner James**

BS, Exercise Science – Auburn University, 2020

MS, Biological Science – Auburn University, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: EVMS Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia (Neurology)*

**Mia Lucia Jeanty**

BS, Chemistry – University of South Carolina, 2019

*Hospital Appointment: Louisiana State University SOM, New Orleans, Louisiana (Emergency Medicine)*

**Abigail Grace Kammerer**

BS, Health Promotion – University of Georgia, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: NYP Hospital-Columbia University Medical Center, New York, New York (Anesthesiology)*

**Alessia Morena Keane**

BS, Health Science – Clemson University, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: George Washington University, Washington, District of Columbia (Emergency Medicine)*

**Gina Sara Kim**

BS, Health Sciences – Furman University, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: University of Kentucky COM, Lexington, Kentucky (General Surgery)*

**Nykia Abrian Teigeanna King**

BS, Biology – College of Charleston, 2020

**Allen Matthew Knepper**

BS, Biochemistry – Furman University, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: Prisma Health-Univ. of South Carolina SOM Greenville, Greenville, South Carolina (Family Medicine)*

**Christopher Adam Koons**

BS, Pre-Medical – Bob Jones University, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio (Anesthesiology)*

**Amelia Hope Lewis**

BA, Anthropology & Biology – Washington University in St. Louis, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee (Pediatrics)*

**Elizabeth Rachel Lofurno**

BS, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology – Oregon State University, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: Prisma Health-Univ. of South Carolina SOM Greenville, Greenville, South Carolina (Pediatrics)*

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BS, Psychology – Duke University, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: Memorial Health University Medical Center, Savannah, Georgia (Pediatrics)*

**Julia Mae Lunt**

BS, Bioengineering – Clemson University, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: Scripps Mercy Hospital, San Diego, California (Transitional Year)*  
*Hospital Appointment: Carilion Clinic-Virginia Tech Carilion SOM, Roanoke, Virginia (Dermatology)*

**Blake Andrew Martin**

BS, Biomedical Engineering – University of South Carolina, 2020  
*Hospital Appointment: University of Cincinnati Medical Center, Cincinnati, Ohio (Emergency Medicine)*

**Faith Rose Martin**

BS, Biology – College of Charleston, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: Rutgers-Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, New Jersey (Obstetrics and Gynecology)*

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BS, Biology – Iowa State University, 2018  
MS, Reproductive Science – Northwestern University, 2020  
*Hospital Appointment: Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, North Carolina (Obstetrics and Gynecology)*

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BA, Anthropology – Dartmouth College, 2018  
*Hospital Appointment: University of Virginia Medical Center, Charlottesville, Virginia (Emergency Medicine)*

**Ellen Josephine McAlpine**

BS, Nutrition – Clemson University, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: Abington Memorial Hospital, Abington, Pennsylvania (Obstetrics and Gynecology)*

**Andrew Maurice McCaffrey**

BS, Biology – Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: Virginia Commonwealth University Health System, Richmond, Virginia (Orthopaedic Surgery)*

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BS, Biology – Clemson University, 2021  
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*Hospital Appointment: ISMMS Mount Sinai Morningside-West, New York, New York (Anesthesiology)*

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BS, Psychology – University of South Carolina, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: Mountain Area Health Education Center, Asheville, North Carolina (Psychiatry)*

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BS, Biology – Coastal Carolina University, 2020  
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BS, Biology – Erskine College, 2019  
*Hospital Appointment: East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee (Family Medicine)*

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BS, Biology – University of South Carolina Upstate, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, New York (Psychiatry/ Child Psychiatry)*

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BS, Biology – University of Georgia, 2022  
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BS, Public Health – University of South Carolina, 2019  
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BS, Biology – University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, 2022  
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BS, Electrical Engineering – Prairie View A&M University, 2018  
MBS, Biomedical Sciences – Duke University, 2019  
*Hospital Appointment: University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas (Urology)*

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BS/BA, Health Sciences & Spanish – Furman University, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: St. Vincents East, Birmingham, Alabama (Family Medicine)*

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BS, Pre-Medical – Bob Jones University, 2020  
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BS, Biology – Furman University, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: University of Alabama Hospital, Birmingham, Alabama (Pediatrics)*

**Luis Jose Sanchez Ferrer**

BS, Biology – University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, 2020  
*Hospital Appointment: Grand Strand Regional Medical Center, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina (Transitional Year)*  
*Hospital Appointment: Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem, North Carolina (Radiology-Diagnostic)*

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BS, Biochemistry – University of South Carolina, 2018  
MS, Community Engaged Medicine – Furman University 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: Florida State University COM, Cape Coral, Florida (Transitional Year)*  
*Hospital Appointment: University of Louisville SOM, Louisville, Kentucky (Radiation Oncology)*

**Zoe Elizabeth Sanders**

BS, Biochemistry – Anderson University, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: University of Louisville SOM, Louisville, Kentucky (General Surgery)*

**Bailey Leopard Schneider**

BS, Bioengineering – Clemson University, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina (Transitional Year)*  
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BS, Public Health – University of South Carolina, 2021  
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BS, Biomedical Engineering – Clemson University, 2021  
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*Hospital Appointment: Atrium Health Cabarrus, Concord, North Carolina (Family Medicine)*

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BS, Biological Sciences – Clemson University, 2020  
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BS, Neuroscience – Brown University, 2020  
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*Hospital Appointment: MGB-Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts (Pediatrics)*

**Liam Patrick White<sup>^</sup>**

BS, Genetics – Clemson University, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium, San Antonio, Texas (Neurology)*

**Noah Gideon White**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: Gateway Behavioral Health Community Services, Savannah, Georgia (Psychiatry)*

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BS, Public Health – University of South Carolina, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: Bon Secours Health System, Midlothian, Virginia (Family Medicine)*

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MA, Clinical Mental Health Counseling – Campbell University, 2019  
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MBS, Biomedical Sciences – Duke University, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: MedStar Georgetown University WHC, Colmar Manor, Maryland (Family Medicine)*

**Haley Ann Wymbs**

BS, Biology – Duke University, 2019  
MBS, Biomedical Sciences – Duke University, 2020  
*Hospital Appointment: Virginia Commonwealth University Health System, Richmond, Virginia (General Surgery)*

**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MEDICINE  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE COLUMBIA**

**Banks Nathaniel Bailey**

BA, Economics – Wake Forest University, 2018

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BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2022  
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BS, Neuroscience & Molecular Biology – Tulane University, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, Tennessee (Surgery-Preliminary)*

**Adam Keller Beall**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: University of Florida COM, Jacksonville, Florida (General Surgery)*

**Kristina Grace Borglum**

BS, BARSC-MD – University of South Carolina, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: University of Washington Affiliated Hospitals, Seattle, Washington (Emergency Medicine)*

**Ronald Andrew Brantley**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2017  
*Hospital Appointment: Prisma Health-Univ. of South Carolina SOM Columbia, Columbia, South Carolina (Pediatrics)*

**Taylor Anatasia Brunson**

BA, Evolutionary Anthropology – Duke University, 2014  
MS, Applied Life Sciences – The Claremont Colleges, 2017

**Steven Harlan Case II<sup>^</sup>**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina Upstate, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: Wellstar MCG Health Medical Center, Augusta, Georgia (Family Medicine)*

**Corey Douglas Collins**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina (Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation)*

**Kamryn Shealy Coleman**

BS, Microbiology – Clemson University, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: Prisma Health-Univ. of South Carolina SOM Columbia, Columbia, South Carolina (Family Medicine)*

**Andrew Dalton Costa**

BS, Biomedical Engineering – Clemson University, 2018  
MS, Medical Sciences – Medical University of South Carolina, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina (Pediatrics)*

**Tristan Scott Cummings**

BS, Biology – Davidson College, 2020  
MS, Medical Sciences – Medical University of South Carolina, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: University of Connecticut SOM, Farmington, Connecticut (Anesthesiology)*

**Kyra Minet Dixon**

BS, Biology – State University of New York Stony Brook, 2020  
*Hospital Appointment: Emory University SOM, Atlanta, Georgia (Pediatrics)*

**Amber Yvonne Eddy Dorn**

BA, Biology – College of Charleston, 2018  
MS, Integrative Anatomical Sciences – University of Southern California, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: Legacy Emanuel/Good Samaritan, Portland, Oregon (Internal Medicine)*

**Thomas Wayne Eckert**

BS, Microbiology & Bacteriology – Clemson University, 2021  
MS, Clinical Research – Medical University of South Carolina, 2025  
*Hospital Appointment: Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina (Neurological Surgery)*

**Conner Christopher Fagan**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: Cape Fear Valley Health, Fayetteville, North Carolina (Emergency Medicine)*

**Robert Jackson Ferdon Jr.**

BS, Biology – Clemson University, 2016  
MS, Medical Sciences – Medical University of South Carolina, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina (Orthopedic Surgery)*

**Greyson Alexander Fox Tran**

BS, Public Health – University of South Carolina, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: University of Hawaii-AIEH, Hawaii (Family Medicine)*

**Brynn Skylar Franz**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: University of Florida COM-Shands Hospital, Gainesville, Florida (Otolaryngology)*

**Andrew Blake Freeman**

BS, Biological Sciences – University of South Carolina, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee (Internal Medicine)*

**Olivia Grace Gary**

BS, Mathematics – University of South Carolina, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: University of South Florida Morsani COM, Tampa, Florida (Vascular Surgery)*

**Gabriella Cohen Gee**

BS, Philosophy – University of South Carolina, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, North Carolina, (General Surgery)*

**Matthew Douglas Germroth**

BS, Biochemistry – Charleston Southern University, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Self Regional Healthcare, Greenwood, South Carolina (Family Medicine)*

**Bailey Erin Gibson<sup>^</sup>**

BS, Biology – Clemson University, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Mass General Brigham, Boston, Massachusetts (Emergency Medicine)*

**Rivers Gray Hucks**

BA, Biological Sciences – Clemson University, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia (Internal Medicine)*

**Alexander Khoa-Nguyen Giep**

BS, Biology – Wofford College, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: Lexington Medical Center, West Columbia, South Carolina (Internal Medicine)*

**Nelson Gonzalez**

BS, Microbiology & Cell Science – University of Florida, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: University of Florida COM-Shands Hospital, Gainesville, Florida (Internal Medicine)*

**Katherine Rose Gregory**

BS, BARSC-MD – University of South Carolina, 2023

*Hospital Appointment: Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts (Pediatrics)*

**Kayla Marie Harris**

BS, Psychology – Duke University, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Cape Fear Valley Health, Fayetteville, North Carolina (Psychiatry)*

**Patrick Dennis Haugh**

BA, English – University of South Carolina, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia (Internal Medicine)*

**Andrew James Hensing**

BS/BA, Biology & Philosophy – University of South Carolina, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: University of South Florida Morsani COM, Tampa, Florida (Internal Medicine)*

**Caroline Ann Hensing\***

BS, BARSC-MD – University of South Carolina, 2023

*Hospital Appointment: Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois (Internal Medicine)*

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BS/BA, Biology & Spanish – Wofford College, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: McLeod Regional Medical Center, Florence, South Carolina (Family Medicine)*

**Ashley Elaine Heywood Hoffmann**

BS, Biology – College of Charleston, 2019

*Hospital Appointment: Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem, North Carolina (Anesthesiology)*

**Christina Marie Hoover**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Mountain Area Health Education Center, Asheville, North Carolina (Family Medicine)*

**Hadley Reagan Hudson**

BS, Psychology – Furman University, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: University of South Florida Morsani COM, Tampa, Florida (Internal Medicine)*

**Deborah Anne Keen**

BS, Public Health – University of South Carolina, 2019

MS, Epidemiology – University of Glasgow, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: University of Florida COM-Shands Hospital, Gainesville, Florida (Obstetrics and Gynecology)*

**Allen Matthew Khodab**

BS, Genetics – Clemson University, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: HCA Healthcare-University of South Florida-Morsani GME, Brandon, Florida (Transitional Year)*

*Hospital Appointment: University of Miami-Jackson Health System, Miami, Florida (Radiation-Oncology)*

**Vinit Raj Krishna**

BS, Neuroscience – Duke University, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: HCA Healthcare-University of South Florida-Morsani GME, Blake, Florida (Internal Medicine)*

**Dominic John Kubas<sup>^</sup>**

BS, Public Health – University of South Carolina, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii (Psychiatry)*

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BS, Chemistry – Williams College, 2020

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**Jacqueline Hart Lamm**

BS, Biology & Health Science – University of Florida, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: University of South Florida Morsani COM, Tampa, Florida (Obstetrics and Gynecology)*

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BS, Microbiology & Bacteriology – Clemson University, 2020

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BS, Biology – The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi (Internal Medicine)*

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BS, Biology – College of Charleston, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem, North Carolina (Emergency Medicine)*

**Elle Yvonne Magnan**

BS, Exercise Science – University of South Carolina, 2019

*Hospital Appointment: University of North Carolina Hospitals, Chapel Hill, North Carolina (Orthopedic Surgery)*

**Emily Elaine McGill**

BS, Biological Sciences – Clemson University, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina (Anesthesiology)*

**Jenna Christine McGrath**

BS, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology – University of South Carolina, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: University of Utah Health, Salt Lake City, Utah (Internal Medicine)*

**Alexander Jeremiah McKay**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Self Regional Healthcare, Greenwood, South Carolina (Family Medicine)*

**Tyler Wesley Mills**

BS, Biology – University of Virginia, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: University of Virginia Medical Center, Charlottesville, Virginia (Internal Medicine)*

**Zachary Connor Morrow**

BS, Biology – Clemson University, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Ochsner Clinic Foundation, New Orleans, Louisiana (Anesthesiology)*

**Haley Anne Mulera**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2018

MS, Physiology & Biophysics – Georgetown University, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Prisma Health-Univ. of South Carolina SOM Columbia, Columbia, South Carolina (Orthopedic Surgery)*

**Christian Samuel Najjar**

BS/BA, Biology & German – The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem, North Carolina (Psychiatry)*

**Joshua Zachary Nellis**

BS, Biology – University of Akron, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: University of South Florida Morsani COM, Tampa, Florida (Anesthesiology)*

**Hayley Ann Nicholson**

BS, BARSC-MD – University of South Carolina, 2023

*Hospital Appointment: Prisma Health-Univ. of South Carolina SOM Greenville, Greenville, South Carolina (Internal Medicine)*

**Renee Christina Parris**

BA, Psychology – Columbia University in the City of New York, 2018

MS, Biomedical Science – Wake Forest University, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, North Carolina (Family Medicine)*

**Jay Rakesh Patel**

BS, Biochemistry – University of South Carolina, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: University of Tennessee Graduate SOM, Knoxville, Tennessee (Internal Medicine)*

**Michael Stuart Patina**

BS, Public Health – University of South Carolina, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina (Internal Medicine)*

**Neil Brandon Patrick**

BS, Exercise Science – University of South Carolina, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Self Regional Healthcare, Greenwood, South Carolina (Family Medicine)*

**Matthew Jacob Powell**

BS, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology – University of South Carolina, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Gainesville, Georgia (Emergency Medicine)*

**Kathryn Lorraine Rathke**

BS, Biology – University of Alabama, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: University of Florida COM, Jacksonville, Florida (Obstetrics and Gynecology)*

**Holly Nicole Russian**

BS, Biology – Lander University, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: Prisma Health-Univ. of South Carolina SOM-Greenville, Greenville, South Carolina (Pediatrics)*

**Rafik Magdi Sadik Gendi**

BS, Biology – Presbyterian College, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: Mountain Area Health Education Center, Asheville, North Carolina (Internal Medicine)*

**Lance Spencer Schacht**

BS, Biochemistry – University of South Carolina, 2019  
*Hospital Appointment: Research Year*

**Braden Michael Schar**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: Cone Health, Greensboro, North Carolina (Psychiatry)*

**Yvone Shametaj**

BS, BARSC-MD – University of South Carolina, 2023  
*Hospital Appointment: Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois (Neurology)*

**Madysen Hotchkin Shirer**

BS, Pre-Medical/Pre-Dental – Bob Jones University, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: Cape Fear Valley Health, Fayetteville, North Carolina (Psychiatry)*

**Shelby Patricia Smith**

BS, Animal & Veterinary Science – Clemson University, 2020  
MS, Clinical Research – Medical University of South Carolina, 2025  
*Hospital Appointment: Spartanburg Medical Center, Spartanburg, South Carolina (Transitional)*  
*Hospital Appointment: Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina (Dermatology)*

**Dillon Lee Spires**

BS, Medical Technology – Charleston Southern University, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: University of Tennessee Graduate SOM-Knoxville, Knoxville, Tennessee (Pathology-Anatomic and Clinical)*

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BS, Biological Sciences – Clemson University, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: University of California Davis, Davis, California (Emergency Medicine)*

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BS, Public Health – University of South Carolina, 2020  
*Hospital Appointment: Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina (General Surgery)*

**Sydney Meng Thomas**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem, North Carolina (Pathology-Anatomic and Clinical)*

**Katherine Grace Turnley\***

BS, Biology – Presbyterian College, 2018  
MS, Biomedical Science – University of South Carolina, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: Prisma Health-Univ. of South Carolina SOM Columbia, Columbia, South Carolina (Pediatrics)*

**Sreya Varanasi\***

BS, BARSC-MD – University of South Carolina, 2023  
*Hospital Appointment: Emory University SOM, Atlanta, Georgia (Pediatrics)*

**Haakim Afsar Waraich**

BS, BARSC-MD – University of South Carolina, 2023  
*Hospital Appointment: University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, Tennessee (Internal Medicine)*

**Donald Shawn Weller II**

BS, Public Health – College of Charleston, 2020  
*Hospital Appointment: Prisma Health-Univ. of South Carolina SOM Greenville, Greenville, South Carolina (Psychiatry)*

**Alena Jade Wesley**

BS, Biobehavioral Health – Pennsylvania State University, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: Ochsner Clinic Foundation, New Orleans, Louisiana (Obstetrics and Gynecology)*

**Tatiana Gene Wirth**

BS, Chemistry – University of Virginia, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: University of Florida COM, Jacksonville, Florida (Internal Medicine)*

**Erich Peter Worn**

BA/BS, Political Science & Biology – Francis Marion University, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: Prisma Health-Univ. of South Carolina SOM Greenville, Greenville, South Carolina (Emergency Medicine)*

**Ahva Yasna Zadeh**

BS, Bioengineering – Clemson University, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: Memorial Healthcare System, Pembroke, Florida (General Surgery)*

**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MEDICINE  
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**Madison Ashley Arnel**

BA, Sociology & Molecular Biology – Wake Forest University, 2019  
*Hospital Appointment: University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah (Internal Medicine)*

**Courtney Kathryn Brown**

BS, Biology – College of Charleston, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: McLeod Regional Medical Center, Florence, South Carolina (Internal Medicine)*

**Victoria Rene Brown**

BS, Biological Sciences – University of South Carolina, 2020  
*Hospital Appointment: Mountain Area Health Education Center, Asheville, North Carolina (Internal Medicine)*

**Lauren Elizabeth Ervin\***

BS, BARSC-MD – University of South Carolina, 2023  
*Hospital Appointment: Prisma Health-Univ. of South Carolina SOM Columbia, Columbia, South Carolina (Internal Medicine)*

**Rowdy Jackson Fitzpatrick^**

BS, Public Health – University of South Carolina, 2020  
*Hospital Appointment: East Carolina University Health Medical Center, Greenville, South Carolina (General Surgery)*

**Hansel Curt Haase**

BA, English – University of South Carolina, 2020  
*Hospital Appointment: McLeod Regional Medical Center, Florence, South Carolina (Family Medicine)*

**Henry Paschal Helms**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2019  
*Hospital Appointment: Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina (Psychiatry)*

**Daniel Jaraki**

BS, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology – University of South Carolina, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: Zucker School of Medicine-Northwell/Staten Island University, Staten Island, New York (Internal Medicine)*

**Caroline Mary Loftus^**

BS, Pre-Medical – Bob Jones University, 2020  
*Hospital Appointment: Nellis Air Force Base-UNLV, Las Vegas, Nevada (Obstetrics-Gynecology)*

**Gannett Leigh Loftus**

BS, Pre-Medical – Bob Jones University, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: Valley Health System, Las Vegas, Nevada (General Surgery)*

**Sarah Naomi Parker**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: McLeod Regional Medical Center, Florence, South Carolina (Family Medicine)*

**Bobby Jack Spivey III**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2020  
*Hospital Appointment: Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia (Anesthesiology)*

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BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: Louisiana State University SOM, New Orleans, Louisiana (Vascular Surgery)*

**Vivian My Tran\*^**

BA/BS, Mandarin Chinese & Chemistry – Wofford College, 2019  
*Hospital Appointment: University of Texas, San Antonio, Texas (Emergency Medicine)*

**Isabel Sophia Aull Wood**

BS, Biochemistry & Chemistry – College of Charleston, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: Prisma Health-Univ. of South Carolina SOM Greenville, Greenville, South Carolina (Pediatrics)*

**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS  
IN COUNSELING AND REHABILITATION**

**Amanda Beth Allen**

BS, Criminal Justice – Appalachian State University, 2012

**Miyoshi Cathleen Anderson**

BS, Psychology – Georgia State University, 2022

**Laura Nicole Best**

BS, Criminal Justice – University of South Carolina, 2022

**Abigail Johnson**

BA, Criminal Justice – University of South Carolina, 2023

**Allie Trambow Ledbetter**

BA, French – University of Hawaii Manoa, 2021

**Skylar Madison Linder**

BS, Psychology – University of South Carolina, 2022

**Julia Moro**

BA, Psychology – University of Windsor, 2022

**Madison Sanders Lovejoy**

BS, Psychology – University of North Georgia, 2022

**Aileen Pagan-Welch**

BS, Professional and Technical Communications – Rochester Institute of Technology, 1997  
MS, Career and Human Resource Development – Rochester Institute of Technology, 1998

**Aisha Aude' Robinson**

BA, Sociology – Claffin University, 2021

**David Randall Tussey**

BA, Criminal Justice Administration – University of Tennessee, 1982  
MS, Education – University of Tennessee, 1993

**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF NURSE ANESTHESIA**

**Samantha Querubin Bichler**

BS, Nursing – Clemson University, 2021



**Gabrielle Elizabeth Boehman**  
BS, Nursing – University of Kentucky, 2019

**Rebecca Elaine Borders**  
BSN, Nursing – Clemson University, 2020

**Wesley Browning**  
BSN, Nursing – Aspen University, 2019

**Jason Andrew Burgess**  
BS, Nursing – University of Gardner-Webb, 2017

**Roz J. Callahan**  
BS, Nursing – University of South Carolina Upstate, 2018

**Lawrence Christian Cangelosi IV**  
BS, Nursing – Kennesaw State University, 2020

**Ashlyn Marie Gage**  
BSN, Nursing – University of South Florida, 2017

**Kaylee Hardee Price**  
BS, Nursing – Clemson University, 2022

**Lukas John Kaminsky**  
BSN, Nursing – Viterbo University, 2019

**Karl Nicole Miquela Labrador**  
BS, Nursing – City University of New York Hunter College, 2020

**Cassidy Faith Lindler**  
BSN, Nursing – Clemson University, 2019

**Jasmine Briana Mallison**  
BS, Nursing – North Carolina Central University, 2014

**Ashley Holmes Martin**  
BSN, Nursing – Francis Marion University, 2018

**Nissy Matthew Abraham**  
BSN, Nursing – University of South Carolina, 2019

**Brooke McClain Sanborn**  
BS, Nursing – University of South Carolina, 2021

**Sarah Marie McCloskey**  
BSN, Nursing – University of South Carolina, 2017

**Justin Wilson McMahan**  
BSN, Nursing – Clemson University, 2021

**Hailey Elizabeth McNeil**  
BSN, Nursing – Walden University, 2021

**Stephen Brooke Nowell**  
BSN, Nursing – University of Tennessee, 2020

**Lindsey Nicole Rissinger**  
BS, Nursing – University of Arkansas, 2021

**Daniel Amos Travis Roach**  
BSN, Nursing – University of North Carolina Charlotte, 2013  
MBA, Business Administration – Winston-Salem State University, 2017

**Rachel Kathryn Rorie**  
BSN, Nursing – University of South Carolina, 2019

**Kristen Rua**  
BS, Nursing – University of South Carolina Upstate, 2022

**Diana Saidovna Sanders**  
BS, Nursing – Coastal Carolina University, 2019

**Cathleen Marie Schaub**  
BSN, Nursing – Thomas Jefferson University, 2018

**Ashley Burris Senn**  
BS, Nursing – Clemson University, 2019

**Anna Smith Corontzes**  
BS, Nursing – Clemson University, 2021

**Kateryna Smith**  
BS, Nursing – Gulf Coast State College, 2019

**Dorothy-Faye Swygert**  
BS, Nursing – Medical University of South Carolina, 2017

**Kyle Jeffrey Tackeberry**  
BS, Nursing – University of South Carolina Aiken, 2020

**Kaitlin Manning Walker**  
BS, Exercise Science – University of North Carolina Charlotte, 2017  
AS, Nursing – Carolinas College of Health Sciences, 2019  
BS, Nursing – University of North Carolina Wilmington, 2022

**Ellen Jo Wamsley**  
BS, Nursing – University of South Carolina, 2018

**Matthew Davis Wendt**  
BS, Nursing – Brigham Young University Idaho, 2020

**Kristen Willis**  
BS, Biology – University of North Carolina Pembroke, 2015  
BSN, Nursing – University of North Carolina Pembroke, 2021

## **CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE**

### **Genetic Counseling**

**Laura Ciccarelli**  
BS, Genetics – Clemson University, 2023

**Ashton Farmer**  
BS, Biology and Public Health – University of Cumberlands, 2024

**Katherin Fix**  
BS, Public Health – University of Arkansas, 2022

**Cameron Galley**  
BA, Psychology – Loyola College in Maryland, 2022

**Anna Girten**

BS, Biology: Biomedical – University of Northern Iowa, 2024

**Teeya Mercer**

BS, Behavioral Neuroscience – University of North Florida, 2022

**Sydney M. Price**

BA, Biology – Randolph-Macon College, 2023

**MaryClaire Sherman**

BS, Genetics – Clemson University, 2024

**Rylan Sweitzer**

BS, Biology – University of North Carolina Wilmington, 2022

**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

**Biomedical Sciences**

**Thomas Cardaci**

BS, Biological Sciences and Exercise Science – Rutgers University, 2018

MS, Exercise Physiology – Baylor University, 2020

**Isaiah Davis**

BS, Biology – William Peace University, 2021

**Tori Peacock**

**Stephanie Wilczynski**

BA, Biology – Boston University, 2020

**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE**

**Biomedical Sciences**

**Alejandro Alonso-Hernandez**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2024

**Kennedy Ayers**

BS, Biological Sciences – University of South Carolina, 2021

**Mackenzie Azuero**

**William Alex Carson Jr.**

**Abraham Damon**

BS, Biological Sciences – University of South Carolina, 2024

**Ashton Graham**

BS, Animal & Veterinary Sciences – Clemson University, 2023

**Payton Kleinert**

BA, Psychology – Wake Forest University, 2025

**Jennifer Pesa**

BS, Biological Sciences – University of South Carolina, 2022

**Elleson-Anne Rainsford**

BS, Biological Sciences – Clemson University, 2025

**Trinity Roberts**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina Upstate, 2023

**Carolina Terry**

BS, Biological Sciences – University of South Carolina, 2024

**Virginia Ruth Walkup**

**Harley Yturria**

BS, Biological Sciences & Spanish – University of South Carolina, 2025

**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES**

**Claire Allison**

BS, Biological Sciences – University of South Carolina, 2022

**Madeline Graham Andrews**

BS, Psychology – Clemson University, 2022

**Leah Jordan Bartkowski**

BS, Exercise Science – University of South Carolina, 2022

**Igor Dubceac**

BS, Exercise Science – University of South Carolina, 2022

**Leathia Ferdon**

BS, Industrial Engineering – Clemson University, 2018

**Lucy Anne Fischer**

BS, Genetics – Clemson University, 2022

**Cutler McWaters Fitzgerald**

BS, Exercise Science – University of South Carolina, 2021

**Levi Jordan Fowlkes**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2022

**Jacob Cullen Gibson**

BS, Biological Sciences – University of South Carolina, 2019

**Landon Joseph Hardee**

BS, Biology – Francis Marion University, 2022

**Sophia Sposato Kemp**

BS, Public Health – University of South Carolina, 2022

**Jennifer Lynn Kidane**

BS, Biology – Benedict College, 2022

**Siera Makenzie Kirby**

BS, Biology – Charleston Southern University, 2021

**Claire McKay**

BS, Biological Sciences – Clemson University, 2022

**Brenna Meyers**

BS, Public Health – University of South Carolina, 2023

**Brianna Marie Olps**

BS, Public Health – University of South Carolina, 2022

**Alexander Reed**

BS, Neuroscience – University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, 2022

**Gabrielle Cheyenne Rivers**

BS, Public Health – University of South Carolina, 2023

**Laura Michele Sherck**

BS, Psychology – Clemson University, 2022

**Callie Marie Shirley**

BS, Biological Sciences – University of South Carolina, 2022

**Ashley Singh**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2019

**Emily Rose Smith**

BS, Exercise Science – University of South Carolina, 2023

**Anastasia Tsikalakis**

BS, Exercise Science – University of South Carolina, 2023

**Erin Donhou Turner**

BS, Public Health – University of South Carolina, 2022

**Lindsay Warren**

BA, Biological Sciences – Clemson University, 2022

**Quay Williford**

BS, Exercise Science – University of South Carolina, 2022

**Aidan Wright**

BS, Microbiology & Molecular Genetics – Oklahoma State University, 2019

**Brittany Nicole Zerbe**

BA, Psychology – University of South Carolina, 2022

# SCHOOL OF MEDICINE GREENVILLE

## Faculty and Staff Awards

### Teaching Excellence and Staff Appreciation Awards

Awarded by the Class of 2026 in recognition of outstanding teaching as well as continued support and guidance by a staff member during the four years of medical school

Faculty — Shanna Williams, Ph.D.

Resident — John Ahlert, D.O.

Staff — Jeremiah Davis

Awarded by the Class of 2027 in recognition of outstanding teaching during the first three years of medical school

Faculty — Robert Gates, M.D.

### Clinical Mentorship, Education, and Service Excellence Award

Frank Beacham, M.D.

### Leonard A. Tow Humanism in Medicine Award

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Matthew Grisham, M.D.

## Student Awards

### Dean's Award

Presented to the graduating medical students who, during the four years of study, have developed the highest attributes of the medical profession, as reflected in academic and clinical achievement, devotion to patient care, and leadership among his or her peers

Hunter Wayne Bohon

### ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA HONOR MEDICAL SOCIETY

#### Class of 2026

Neha Agnihotri

Elena Irelia Blain

Jared Andrew Buteau

Sameer Yousuf Ebrahim

Clay Warren Elliott

Madelaine Tedrick Guest\*

Jasmine Rain Hawkins

Abigail Grace Kammerer

Amelia Hope Lewis

Julia Mae Lunt

Andrew Maurice McCaffrey

Megan Sydney McFarland

Elsa Marie Meyer

Zoe Elizabeth Sanders\*

Adarsh Shidhaye

Emily Elizabeth Waters

Haley Ann Wymbs

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#### Faculty

Jennifer Grier, Ph.D.

*Department of Biomedical Sciences*

George Haddad, M.D.

*Department of Pediatrics*

Neha Hudepohl, M.D.

*Department of Psychiatry*

Lauren Hyer, M.D.

*Department of Orthopaedic Surgery*

Katheryn Isham, M.D.

*Department of Obstetrics &  
Gynecology*

#### Residents

Ellen Combs Averill, M.D.

*Department of Family Medicine*

Kory Cablay, M.D.

*Department of Medicine-Pediatrics*

Paula Grisales, M.D.

*Department of General Surgery*

Madison Hall, M.D.

*Department of Psychiatry*

Jackson Hartley, M.D.

*Department of Internal Medicine*

Samantha Mansberger-

Duchesne, D.O.

*Department of Pediatrics*

Buckley McCall, M.D.

*Department of Internal Medicine*

Samantha Merritt, D.O.

*Department of Internal Medicine*

### GOLD HUMANISM HONOR SOCIETY

Killian Joseph Bucci

Shuvangee Dhar

Amaya Dezire Farr

Vivian Nhatrang Ho

Mohammad Hooshmand Zaferanieh

Blake Andrew Martin

Ellen Josephine McAlpine  
Zoe Elizabeth Sanders  
Dontaevious Milan Watts  
Haley Hirth Whitfield

**Faculty**

Robert Bonanno, M.D.  
*Department of Family Medicine*

**Residents**

John Ahlert, M.D.  
*Department of General Surgery*

Jonathan Bowman, D.O.  
*Department of Internal Medicine*

Sheyanne Trent, M.D.  
*Department of Obstetrics &  
Gynecology*

**Arrington Jackson Outstanding  
Student in Emergency Medicine  
Award**

Jared Andrew Buteau

**College Spirit Award**

Jared Andrew Buteau  
Luis Sanchez Ferrer

**Christopher Michael McManus  
Memorial Scholarship**

Andrew Maurice McCaffrey

**Ernest B. Latham, MD, Division  
of Urology Award**

Dami Taiwo Ojo

**Eugene M. Langan III, MD  
Outstanding Student in Surgery  
Award**

Mohammad Hooshmand  
Zaferanieh

**Health Equity in Action Award**

Blake Andrew Martin

**Jerry E. Dempsey Award**

Elizabeth Ann Russell

**Leonard A. Tow  
Humanism in Medicine Award**

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Foundation*

James Romey Bloodworth III

**Michael Campanelli, MD Award**

James Romey Bloodworth III

**Outstanding Student in Family  
Medicine Award**

Haley Hirth Whitfield

**Outstanding Student in Internal  
Medicine Award**

Megan Sydney McFarland

**Outstanding Student in  
Neurology Award**

Shuvangee Dhar

**Outstanding Student in  
Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Award**

Kaylee Marie Massman

**Outstanding Student in Pediatrics  
Award**

Paul Whittaker Russell

**Patricia Peeples Westmoreland  
Community Service Award**

Elizabeth Rachel Lofurno

**Peer Advocacy Award**

Blake Andrew Martin

**Peer Mentor Award**

Elizabeth Rachel Lofurno

**Robert A. Jolley Jr. Outstanding  
Student in Psychiatry Award**

Murphy Sarsfield Miller

## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE COLUMBIA Faculty Awards

### **O’Neill Barrett Teaching Excellence Award**

Awarded by the Class of 2026 in recognition of outstanding teaching during the four years of medical school.

Lawrence Reagan, M.D. - Columbia (Basic Science)

Andrew Sides, M.D. - Columbia (Clinical Science)

Nadine Zahar, M.D. - Florence (Clinical Science)

### **Teachers of the Year**

*Presented by the Class of 2026*

Andrew Sides, M.D., Columbia | Carmen Piccolo, M.D., Florence

*Presented by the Class of 2027*

James Stallworth, M.D., Columbia | Ravi Patel, M.D., Florence

*Presented by the Class of 2028*

Alexa Gandy, Ph.D., Columbia

*Presented by the Class of 2029*

L. Britt Wilson, Ph.D., Columbia

### **Residents of the Year**

*Presented by the Class of 2026*

Kayce Booth, M.D., Columbia | Amanda Jimenez, M.D., Florence

*Presented by the Class of 2027*

Erin Gatrone, M.D., Columbia | Alexander Manno, M.D., Florence

### **Leonard A. Tow Humanism in Medicine Award**

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Andrew Sides, M.D.

### **Kay McFarland Women’s Health Award**

Kerry Sims, M.D.



## Student Awards

### Dean's Award

Presented to the graduating medical students who, during the school years of study, have developed the highest attributes of the medical profession, as reflected in academic and clinical achievement, devotion to patient care and leadership among his or her peers

Kyra Minet Dixon  
Bailey Erin Gibson

### Dean's Leadership Citation

Presented to students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in service to the profession, community and/or school

Elle Yvonne Magnan

### Dean's Special Recognition Award

Presented to graduating students who have combined outstanding academic achievement and commendable service to the school and the community

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### Agatha Hodgins Award in Nurse Anesthesia

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### Award for Clinical Excellence in Rehabilitation Counseling

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Allie Ledbetter

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**Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award**  
Matthew Christopher Ellis Magee

**Stefan Micronesu Award**  
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