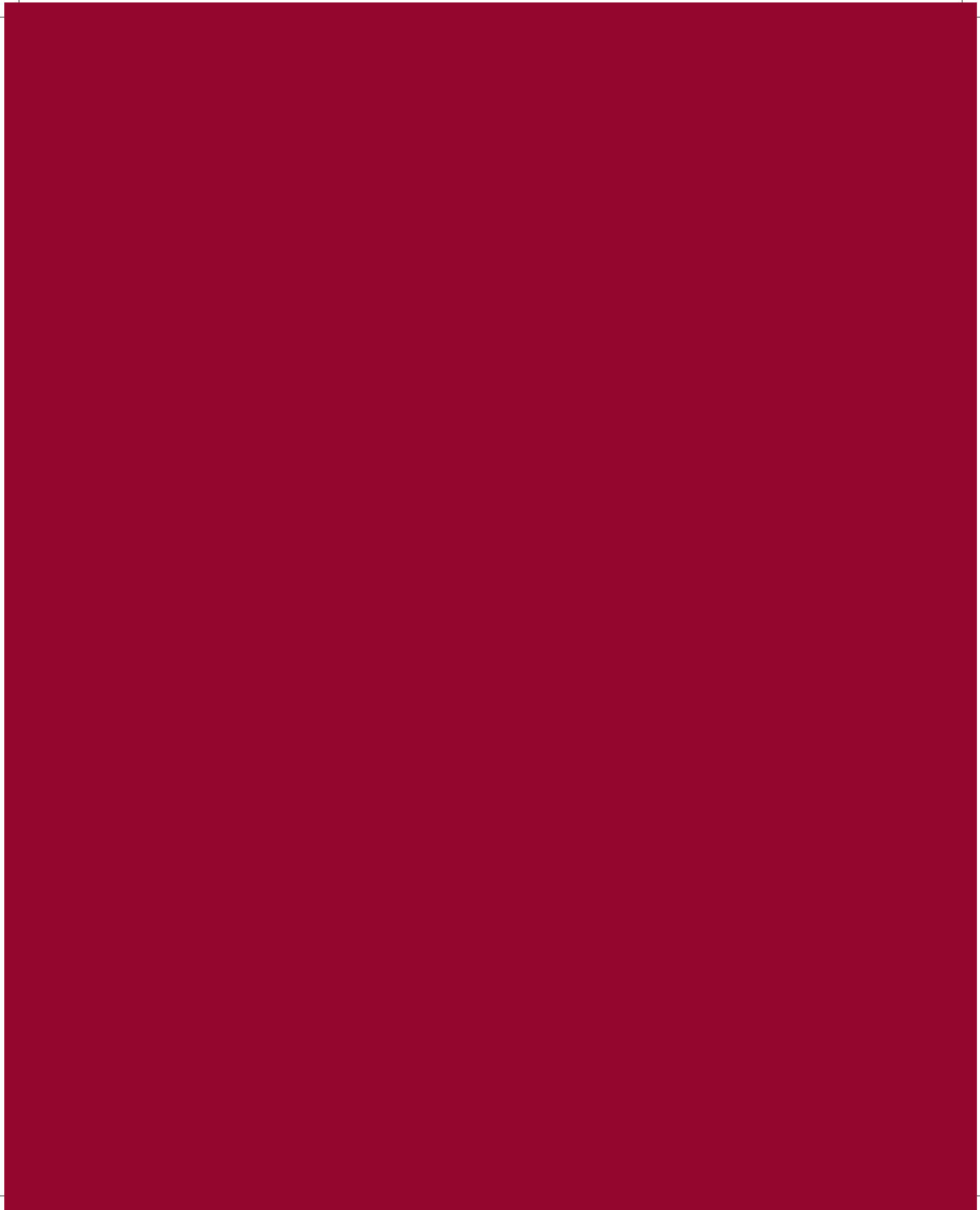




University of South Carolina



# 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 Columbia*

*School of Medicine Greenville*

May 9, 2025

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 Schools of Medicine included in this program. 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 2025 Commencement Exercises of the University of South Carolina Schools of Medicine.

# Order of Exercises

## PRESIDING

Dr. Michael D. Amiridis  
*President*

## 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

Ms. Himashreya Katti  
*Doctor of Medicine Candidate, School of Medicine Greenville*

## INVOCATION

The Reverend John R. Cook  
*Campus Minister, UKirk SC*

## GREETINGS

Dr. Gerald Harmon  
*Interim Dean, School of Medicine Columbia*

## REMARKS

The President

## PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER

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*Dean, School of Medicine Greenville*

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The Provost

## CONFERRING OF DEGREES

The President

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## CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Harmon

## ALMA MATER

Ms. Ayana Walker

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## RECESSIONAL

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 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 education programs were further augmented by the establishment of the Ph.D. program in biomedical science in 1981, the master of science program in genetic counseling in 1985 and the master's program in nurse anesthesia in 1994. The university's master's program in rehabilitation counseling was transferred to the School of Medicine in 1994. The master's program in biomedical science was initiated in 1998. The physician assistant program was initiated 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 consists of fully renovated historic buildings and is located four miles from the Columbia campus of the University of South Carolina. The complex provides teaching and research facilities that are unexcelled nationally. 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.

We broke ground in 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 reimagined 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.

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. We are also addressing the future of health care today through our national leadership in neurology in the fields of dementia, brain health, acute stroke treatments, stroke recovery clinical care and research, as well as the quality-focused health care model of the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine/Prisma Health-Midlands Family Medicine Center.



## 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 15 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 99 doctors in our tenth graduating class, the Class of 2025.

## 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 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.

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

With the graduation of the Class of 2025, the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville now has more than 800 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.



## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

### JOHNATHAN LEE GLEASON

Dr. Jonathan Gleason is a renowned physician leader who has led award-winning clinical transformations across three large academic U.S. health systems. Dr. Gleason serves as executive vice president and chief clinical officer for Prisma Health, where he has broad oversight of the clinical and academic mission of the large integrated-delivery network, with one of the most trusted large medical groups in the country. During his tenure, Prisma Health has achieved major reductions in mortality, as well as measurable improvements in acute and chronic disease outcomes that have positively impacted health outcomes across South Carolina.

Prior to joining Prisma Health, Dr. Gleason served as chief clinical officer for Jefferson Health, chair of the JeffCare Board of Directors and chief quality officer for Carilion Clinic.

Dr. Gleason is credited as a pioneer of the clinical operating system — an innovative approach to integrating technology into care-delivery systems. Dr. Gleason's work also extended into global retail environments when he served as principal for the development of EverSafeOS with business services company Aramark. He advised the design of Genial Care, which serves children and families in Brazil affected by autism and is one of the fastest-growing tech-enabled care-delivery models in the world.

Recognition for his team's work includes the

National Quality Forum Next Generation Innovator Award, the National Patient Safety Award, Fortune Most Innovative Companies, Most Wired Companies and Becker's Top CMO. He was recently hosted in the White House on the topic of health care transformation, and he was inducted into the Digital Health Hall of Fame in 2023. Dr. Gleason's work has been widely cited, including in the *New England Journal of Medicine Catalyst*, the *Wall Street Journal* and *Harvard Business Review*. He serves on the Joint Commission Chief Medical Officer Council alongside a small group of the nation's leading clinical executives, and he speaks internationally on the topic of health care transformation.

Dr. Gleason's landmark paper in the *New England Journal of Medicine Catalyst*, regarding health disparities among people with intellectual disability, resulted in civil rights lawsuits and major policy changes around the world.

He also serves on multiple boards, editorial boards and technical expert panels, including Special Olympics of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Gleason completed his education and training at the University of Georgia, the University of Pennsylvania, MD Anderson Cancer Center and the University of Alabama Birmingham. He is licensed and practicing medicine in South Carolina.

## 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>
Robert Henry <i>President pro tem, 1834</i> <i>President, 1841-1845</i>	Leonard T. Baker <i>Acting President, 1926</i> <i>President, 1931-1936</i> <i>Acting President, 1944-1945</i>
Henry Junius Nott <i>Chairman of the Faculty, 1834-1835</i>	Davison M. Douglas <i>President, 1927-1931</i>
Robert W. Barnwell <i>President, 1835-1841</i> <i>Chairman of the Faculty, 1865-1873</i>	J. Rion McKissick <i>President, 1936-1944</i>
William C. Preston <i>President, 1845-1851</i>	Admiral Norman M. Smith <i>President, 1945-1952</i>
Francis Lieber <i>President pro tem, 1851</i>	Francis W. Bradley <i>Acting President, 1952</i>
James H. Thornwell <i>President, 1851-1855</i>	Donald S. Russell <i>President, 1952-1957</i>
Charles F. McCay <i>President, 1855-1857</i>	Robert L. Sumwalt <i>Acting President, 1957-1959</i> <i>President, 1959-1962</i>
Augustus B. Longstreet <i>President, 1857-1861</i>	Thomas F. Jones <i>President, 1962-1974</i>
Maximilian LaBorde <i>Chairman of the Faculty, 1861-1865</i>	William H. Patterson <i>President, 1974-1977</i>
Benjamin B. Babbitt <i>Chairman of the Faculty, 1873-1875</i>	James B. Holderman <i>President, 1977-1990</i>
Anson W. Cummings <i>Chairman of the Faculty, 1875-1877</i>	Arthur K. Smith <i>Interim President, 1990-1991</i>
William Porcher Miles <i>President, 1880-1882</i>	John M. Palms <i>President, 1991-2002</i>
John M. McBryde <i>Chairman of the Faculty, 1883-1891</i> <i>President, 1883-1891</i>	Andrew A. Sorensen <i>President, 2002-2008</i>
James Woodrow <i>President, 1891-1897</i>	Harris Pastides <i>President, 2008-2019</i> <i>Interim President, 2021-2022</i>
Frank C. Woodward <i>President, 1897-1902</i>	Robert L. Caslen Jr. <i>President, 2019-2021</i>
Benjamin Sloan <i>Acting President, 1902-1903</i> <i>President, 1903-1908</i>	Michael D. Amiridis <i>President, 2022-present</i>
Andrew C. Moore <i>Acting President, 1908-1909</i> <i>Acting President, 1913-1914</i>	
Samuel Chiles Mitchell <i>President, 1909-1913</i>	

# The Class of 2025

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 a veteran of the United States Armed Forces.

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

### **Sergei Olegovich Alexeev**

BS, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology – University of South Carolina, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: Grand Strand Regional Medical Center, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina (Transitional Year)*  
*Hospital Appointment: Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, Santa Barbara, California (Radiology-Diagnostic)*

### **Evdokia Angelidis**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2020  
*Hospital Appointment: Zucker SOM-Northwell NS/LIJ-NY, Manhasset, New York (Emergency Medicine)*

### **Yianni Constantine Bakaes**

BS, Biology – Wake Forest University, 2018  
*Hospital Appointment: Loyola Univ. Medical Center, Maywood, Illinois (Orthopaedic Surgery)*

### **Leslee Melissa Baker**

BS, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology – University of South Carolina, 2020  
*Hospital Appointment: Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia (Pediatrics)*

### **Anna Louise Baucom**

BARSC-MD, Interdisciplinary Studies – University of South Carolina, 2022  
*Hospital Appointment: Vanderbilt Univ. Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee (Pediatrics)*

### **Madeline Elise Becker\***

BS, Biological Sciences – University of South Carolina, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: Ohio State Univ. Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio (Plastic Surgery)*

### **James Howard Benson III**

BS, Biological Sciences – University of South Carolina, 2020  
*Hospital Appointment: Medical Univ. of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina (Internal Medicine)*

### **Madeline Elizabeth Bhend**

BS, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology – University of South Carolina, 2021  
*Hospital Appointment: Prisma Health-Univ. of South Carolina SOM Columbia, Columbia, South Carolina (Obstetrics-Gynecology)*

### **Braxton Cooper Bishop**

BS, Biochemistry – Clemson University, 2019  
*Hospital Appointment: Prisma Health-Univ. of South Carolina SOM Columbia, Columbia, South Carolina (Orthopaedic Surgery)*

### **Ryan Fredric Bloomquist\***

BS, Biology and Chemistry – Georgia Institute of Technology, 2008  
Ph.D., Biology – Georgia Institute of Technology, 2015  
DMD, Dentistry – Augusta University, 2017  
MBA, Business – Augusta University, 2021  
MPH, Health Management – Augusta University, 2023  
*Hospital Appointment: Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA (Ophthalmology)*

### **Emily Holland Blumenfeld**

BS, Health and Exercise Science – Wake Forest University, 2020  
*Hospital Appointment: Univ. of Alabama Medical Center, Birmingham, Alabama (Pediatrics)*

**Joseph Anthony Boscia IV**

BS, Biochemistry – College of Charleston, 2017

MS, Chemistry – Villanova University, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Brookwood Baptist Health, Birmingham, Alabama (Internal Medicine)*

**Riley Grace Brents**

BS, Molecular Biology – Lipscomb University, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Univ. of Alabama Medical Center, Birmingham, Alabama (Pediatrics)*

**Sheldon Lyles Carpenter**

BA, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology – Boston University, 2018

MA, Biotechnology – Boston University, 2018

*Hospital Appointment: San Antonio Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas (Medicine-Preliminary)*

**Madison Lane Cassell**

BS, Integrated Studies, Pre-Medicine and Biology – University of Tennessee Chattanooga, 2018

MS, Biomedical Science – University of South Carolina, 2021

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

**Callie Ann Clarke**

BA/BS, Biology, Foreign Language – Wofford College, 2020

MS, Medical Sciences – Medical University of South Carolina, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Trident Medical Center, North Charleston, South Carolina (General Surgery)*

**Christopher Matthew Cooke Jr.**

BS, Biological Sciences – Clemson University, 2019

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

**Scott Hunter Corley**

BS, Public Health – University of South Carolina, 2020

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

**Christian Patrick Creighton**

BS, Biology – University of Wisconsin Madison, 2017

*Hospital Appointment: St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio (Transitional Year)*

**Kristina Grace DiMiceli**

BS/BA, Biology, Neuroscience – University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, 2020

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

**John Allan Dinger III**

BS, Biochemistry – Clemson University, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Loyola Univ. Medical Center, Maywood, Illinois (Internal Medicine)*

**Ross Warren Duffett**

BS, Health Science – Furman University, 2019

*Hospital Appointment: Case Western/Univ. Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio (Orthopaedic Surgery)*

**John William Eckenrode\***

BS, Biomedical Sciences – Furman University, 2021

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

**Robert Jackson Ferdon**

BS, Biology – Clemson University, 2016

MS, Medical Sciences, Medical Univ. of South Carolina, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Orthopedic Spine Research Fellowship, Charleston, South Carolina*

**Perry Richard Fleming\***

BS, Health Science – Clemson University, 2021

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

**Danielle Taylor Harpen**

BS, Animal Science – University of Kentucky, 2019

*Hospital Appointment: Univ. of South Florida Morsani COM, Tampa, Florida (Obstetrics-Gynecology)*

**Andrew Nicholas Hendrix\***

BS, Exercise Science – University of South Carolina, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Univ. of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia (General Surgery)*

**William Gregory Hoffmann**

BS, Pre-Medical – Bob Jones University, 2020

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

**Cayla Smith Ivey**

BS, Biology – Lander University, 2021

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

**Gabrielle Elizabeth Kartzmark**

BS, Biological Sciences – University of South Carolina, 2019

*Hospital Appointment: Univ. of Alabama Medical Center, Birmingham, Alabama (Emergency Medicine)*

**Elizabeth Rowan Kelly**

BS, Psychology; Neuroscience – University of Tennessee Knoxville, 2019

MS, Biomedical Science – University of South Carolina, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Univ. of Tennessee Graduate SOM, Knoxville, Tennessee (Obstetrics-Gynecology)*

**Mattie Elizabeth Kennedy**

BS, Biology – Presbyterian College, 2020

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

**Caroline Hermena Kerrison**

BS, Chemistry – Sewanee: The University of the South, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Univ. of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia (Ophthalmology)*

**Sarah Hall Kiriluk**

BA, Dance – College of Charleston, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland (Orthopaedic Surgery)*

**Anthony Michael Kocur**

BS, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology – University of South Carolina, 2019

*Hospital Appointment: East Carolina Univ. Health Medical Center, Greenville, North Carolina (Psychiatry)*

**Tyler Joel Leonard**

BS, Marketing – Clemson University, 2019

*Hospital Appointment: Thomas Jefferson Univ., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Emergency Medicine)*

**Malone Russell Locke**

BA, Human Biology – University of California Berkeley, 2014

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

*Hospital Appointment: Univ. of Arizona COM, Tucson, Arizona (Urology)*

**John Paul Lyons**

BS, Biology and Economics – Clemson University, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: EVMS Old Dominion Univ., Norfolk, Virginia (Medicine-Preliminary)*

**Annabelle Lunt Mahoney**

BS, Biomaterials Engineering – Clemson University, 2020

MS, Medical Sciences – Medical Univ. of South Carolina, 2021

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

**Tyler Steele Mandel**

BS, Health Science – Clemson University, 2021

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

**Kyle Andrew March**

BS, Marine Science – University of South Carolina, 2017

MS, Biomedical Science – University of South Carolina, 2018

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

**Matthew Charles Martinez**

BS, Biological Sciences – University of South Carolina, 2019

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

**Tucker Philip McMillen**

BS, Biochemistry – University of Alabama, 2018

*Hospital Appointment: AnMed Health, Anderson, South Carolina (Family Medicine)*

**Cameron Kiger McQuillen**

BS, Exercise Science – Auburn University, 2019

MS, Biomedical Science – University of South Carolina, 2021

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

**Paul Gerard McQuillen**

BARSC-MD, Interdisciplinary Studies – University of South Carolina, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland (Pediatrics)*

**Jaclyn Rose Meyer**

BS, Exercise Science – University of South Carolina, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Univ. of Chicago Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois (Pediatrics)*

**Alekhya Mitta**

BS, Biochemistry – University of South Carolina, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Univ. of Miami/Jackson Health System, Miami, Florida (Internal Medicine)*

**Christopher Grant Morgan**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: East Tennessee State Univ., Johnson City, Tennessee (General Surgery)*

**Ryan Keith Nall**

BS, Biology – Clemson University, 2017

*Hospital Appointment: AnMed Health, Anderson, South Carolina (Family Medicine)*

**Andrew Bryant Nielson**

BS, Human Biology – Utah State University, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Vanderbilt Univ. Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee (Pathology)*

**Margaret Jesseca Nivens**

BS, Biology and Philosophy – Furman University, 2020

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

**Annika Katrin Oie**

BS, Biology – University of Wisconsin Madison, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Indiana University SOM, Indianapolis, Indiana (Internal Medicine)*

**Amelia Pantazis**

BS, Biology – College of Charleston, 2018

*Hospital Appointment: Emory Univ. SOM, Atlanta, Georgia (Urology)*

**Austin Michael Paradis**

BS, Biology – Presbyterian College, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: San Antonio Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas (Anesthesiology)*

**Avish Yashmin Patel**

BS, Public Health – University of South Carolina, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Univ. of Texas Medical School, Houston, Texas (Internal Medicine)*

**Janu Ashok Patel**

BS, Exercise Science – University of South Carolina, 2021

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

**Joseph Gabriel Patrautanu**

BARSC-MD, Interdisciplinary Studies – University of South Carolina, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: Lexington Medical Center, Lexington, South Carolina (Family Medicine)*

**Jessica Lynn Pia**

BS, Exercise Science – University of South Carolina, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Univ. of Alabama Medical Center, Birmingham, Alabama (Internal Medicine)*

**Margaret Ann Pokalsky**

BS, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology – University of South Carolina, 2019

*Hospital Appointment: Albany Medical Center, Albany, New York (Internal Medicine)*

**James Matthew Rider**

BS, Chemistry – Clemson University, 2018

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

**Megan Brooke Roberts**

BS, Biology – Clemson University, 2021

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

**Harris Reel Robertson**

BS, Psychology – University of South Carolina, 2017

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

**Hallie Joan Roerden**

BS, Biomedical Engineering – University of South Carolina, 2020

MS, Medical Sciences – Medical University of South Carolina, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Emory Univ. SOM, Atlanta, Georgia (Pediatrics)*

**Jonathan Seth Rozsnyai**

BS, Biological Sciences – University of South Carolina, 2019

*Hospital Appointment: Univ. of Louisville SOM, Louisville, Kentucky (Internal Medicine)*

**Mikaela Rose Ruvalo**

BS, Interdisciplinary Studies – University of South Carolina, 2022

*Hospital Appointment: Zucker SOM-Northwell NS/LIJ-NY, Manhasset, New York (Emergency Medicine)*

**Jessica Karla Torio Sajor**

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

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

**Jackson Hedrick Salley**

BS, Biological Sciences – University of South Carolina, 2019

*Hospital Appointment: Memorial Health Univ. Medical Center, Savannah, Georgia (Obstetrics-Gynecology)*

**Thomas Gordon Sanders\***

BS, Biology – Furman University, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Univ. of Alabama Medical Center, Birmingham, Alabama (Emergency Medicine)*



**Michel Joseph Shahid III**

BS, Biochemistry and Health Science – Ave Maria University, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Emory Univ. SOM, Atlanta, Georgia (Transitional/Ophthalmology)*

**Mark Elliott Slusher Jr.**

BS, Biological Sciences – University of South Carolina, 2017

*Hospital Appointment: Univ. of South Alabama Hospitals, Mobile, Alabama (Emergency Medicine)*

**Erin Kathleen Smith**

BS, Biological Sciences – Clemson University, 2019

MS, Medical Sciences – Medical University of South Carolina, 2021

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

**Ashley Nicole Snyder**

BS, Japanese Studies and Neuroscience – Furman University, 2021

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

**Brent Allen Sodeman**

BS, Biology – Youngstown State University, 2019

*Hospital Appointment: Akron General Medical Center, Akron, Ohio (Emergency Medicine)*

**Matthew Lee Staub**

BS, Biology – Presbyterian College, 2020

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

**Jacob Michael Steiniger**

BS, Biochemistry – Clemson University, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Univ. Hospitals, Jackson, Mississippi (Otolaryngology)*

**Julia Michelle Thoppil**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: EVMS Old Dominion Univ., Norfolk, Virginia (Emergency Medicine)*

**Sreeja Kanta Varanasi\***

BS, Interdisciplinary Studies – University of South Carolina, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Emory Univ. SOM, Atlanta, Georgia (Pediatrics)*

**Julia Marie Weaver**

BA/BS, Biological Sciences and Modern Languages – Clemson University, 2020

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

**Isaac Hayne Wilkerson\***

BSBA, Finance – University of South Carolina, 2019

*Hospital Appointment: Medical Univ. of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina (Emergency Medicine)*

**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MEDICINE  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE COLUMBIA (FLORENCE CAMPUS)**

**Antonio Giuseppe Benevento**

BS, Business – Pacific Union College, 2015

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

**Maxwell James Dierks**

BS, Microbiology and Bacteriology – Clemson University, 2019

*Hospital Appointment: Charleston Area Medical Center, Charleston, West Virginia (Obstetrics-Gynecology)*

**Clinton Thomas Favre Jr.**

BS, Biology – Rhodes College, 2019

*Hospital Appointment: Emory Univ. SOM, Atlanta, Georgia (Psychiatry)*



































**Sara Rylee White Fowler**

BS, Biology – Presbyterian College, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Univ. of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington, Kentucky (Otolaryngology)*

**Carson Lee Jowers**

BS, Molecular Biology – University of Alabama Birmingham, 2017

*Hospital Appointment: Univ. of Tennessee COM, Chattanooga, Tennessee (Pediatrics)*

**Aaron Matthew Justus**

BS, Biology – Charleston Southern University, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: East Tennessee State Univ., Johnson City, Tennessee (Pediatrics)*

**Bryce Andrew Justus**

BS, Biology – Charleston Southern University, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Medical Univ. of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina (Pediatrics)*

**Robert Weld Loomis**

BA, Geography – University of California Santa Barbara, 2002

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

**Sawyer William Edmund Lyons**

BS, Biology and French – High Point University, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: MedStar Georgetown Univ. Hospital, Washington, District of Columbia (Anesthesiology)*

**Mary Ashlyn Parker**

BS, Microbiology – Clemson University, 2021

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

**Lauren Ashley Sattelle\***

BS, Public Health – University of South Carolina, 2018

Biomedical Sciences Certificate – University of South Carolina, 2020

MS, Clinical Research – Medical University of South Carolina, 2023

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

**Zuhaab Mirza Temuri**

BS, Biology – Clemson University, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Greenville, Georgia (Psychiatry)*

**Erica Leigh Thompson**

BS, Biology – Wofford College, 2018

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

**Kylie Thanh-Tien Truong**

BS, Public Health – Clemson University, 2018

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

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

**Nathan Joseph Abdo**

BS, Pre-Medical – Bob Jones University, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Univ. of Tennessee Graduate SOM, Knoxville, Tennessee (General Surgery)*

**Margaret Wisdom Adams**

BS, Biology – University of Louisiana Monroe, 2017

**Nicolas Busingye Beraho**

BS, Biology – Wofford College, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Brooke Army Medical Center, Houston, Texas (General Surgery)*

**Darby Emily Billing**

BS, Health Science – Clemson University, 2021

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

**Elizabeth Rebecca Bishop**

BS, Biology – Erskine College, 2019

BA, English – Erskine College, 2019

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

**Christian Robert Brayman**

BS, Public Health – University of South Carolina, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Naval Medical Center, San Diego, California (Otolaryngology)*

**Adam David Brockway**

BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, Minnesota (Anesthesiology)*

**Samantha Rose Brummer**

BS, Biology – Clemson University, 2019

*Hospital Appointment: EVMS Old Dominion Univ., Norfolk, Virginia (Pediatrics)*

**Isai Daniel Cabrera**

BS, Psychology – Wofford College, 2018

*Hospital Appointment: Trident Medical Center, North Charleston, South Carolina (Internal Medicine)*

**Niamh Patricia Cahill**

BS, Biochemistry – College of Charleston, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Univ. of Washington Affiliated Hospitals, Seattle, Washington (Pediatrics)*

**Ashlyn Kylie Chea**

BS, Health Science – Clemson University, 2019

MS, Applied Health Research and Evaluation – Clemson University, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Gateway Behavioral Health Community Services, Savannah, Georgia (Psychiatry)*

**Sherry Chen**

BS, Biology – Clemson University, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Brown Univ. Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island (Emergency Medicine)*

**Thai Ivey Kendrick Collier**

BS, Biology – Clayton State University, 2019

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

**Carson McKenzie Collins**

BS, Public Health – University of South Carolina, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Univ. of Florida COM, Jacksonville, Florida (Obstetrics-Gynecology)*

**Samuel Michael Cumby**

BS, Health Science – Furman University, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Bayfront Medical Center, St. Petersburg, Florida (Family Medicine)*

**Taylor Lee Cunningham**

BA, Biology – College of Charleston, 2016

MS, Biomedical Services – Duke University, 2020

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

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BS, Biomedical Engineering – Georgia Institute of Technology, 2019

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BS, Biology – Furman University, 2020

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

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BS, Health Science – Clemson University, 2017

MS, Biomedical Sciences – Duke University School of Medicine, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, Lawrence, Massachusetts (Family Medicine)*

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BS, Chemistry – University of South Carolina, 2021

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

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BA, Chemistry – Clemson University, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: MedStar Washington Hospital Center, Washington, District of Columbia (Emergency Medicine)*

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BS, Neuroscience, Psychology, and Biology – Brandeis University, 2017

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BS, Health Science – Clemson University, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Univ. of Texas Austin Dell Medical School, Austin, Texas (Emergency Medicine)*

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BS, Public Health – University of South Carolina, 2020

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**Merve Ertem**

BS, Mathematics – Gazi University, 2014

BS, Biology – Duquesne University, 2021

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

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BS, Biology – Claflin University, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Connecticut (Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation)*

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BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2020

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BS, Pre-Medical – Bob Jones University, 2018

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BS, Chemistry – Clemson University, 2021

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BA, Health and Human Biology – Brown University, 2020

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BS, Health Science – Clemson University, 2020

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BS, Biology – Anderson University, 2020

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BS, Neuroscience – Furman University, 2019

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BS, Chemistry – Randolph-Macon College, 2020

*Hospital Appointment: Univ. of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, Tennessee (Obstetrics-Gynecology)*

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BS, Biology – Clemson University, 2021

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BS, Biochemistry – Anderson University, 2019

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BS, Public Health – Clemson University, 2020

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BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2021

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BS, Food Science and Human Nutrition – Clemson University, 2019

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BS, Psychology – Clemson University, 2021

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BS, Biology – University of North Carolina Wilmington, 2016

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BS, Biology – North Greenville University, 2018

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BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2019

MS, Medical Sciences – University of South Florida, 2020

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BS, Microbiology – Clemson University, 2020

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BS, Neuroscience – Furman University, 2020

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BS, Biology – Wofford College, 2021

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BS, Biochemistry – Clemson University, 2018

MS, Biomedical and Health Sciences – University of Alabama Birmingham, 2020

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BS, Biomedical Engineering – Clemson University, 2019

MS, Community Engaged Medicine – Furman University, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Univ. of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia (Pediatrics)*

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BS, Biology – United States Military Academy, 2021

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BS, Biology – Clemson University, 2020

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BS, Biology – Wofford College, 2021

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BS, Biology – College of Charleston, 2021

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BS, Athletic Training – University of South Carolina, 2016

MS, Biomedical Sciences – Duke University School of Medicine, 2021

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BS, Psychology – Furman University, 2021

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BFA, Art/Animation & Illustration – San Jose State University, 2015

*Hospital Appointment: Univ. of Chicago Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois (Pathology)*

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BS, Biological Engineering – University of Georgia, 2019

MS, Biomedical Sciences – Duke University, 2020

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BS, Applied Biotechnology – University of Georgia, 2016

MS, Biomedical Sciences – Duke University School of Medicine, 2019

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BA, Religion – University of Notre Dame, 2021

*Hospital Appointment: Emory Univ. SOM, Atlanta, Georgia (Psychiatry)*

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BS, Nutrition – Clemson University, 2021

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BS, Chemistry – Clemson University, 2017

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BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2020

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BS, Health Science – Furman University, 2020

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BS, Materials Science & Engineering – Clemson University, 2016

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BA, History of Art and Architecture/Philosophy – Boston University, 2015

MS, Environmental Science – University of Idaho, 2024

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BS, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology – University of South Carolina, 2019

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BS, Biology – College of Charleston, 2019

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BS, Biology – Spelman College, 2020

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BS, Biological Sciences and Experimental Psychology – University of South Carolina, 2020

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BS, Biology – Cornell University, 2018

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BS, Biology – Hampton University, 2018

MMSc, Global Affairs – Tsinghua University, 2019

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BS, Biology – Columbia College, 2017

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BS, Biology – University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, 2019

MS, Biomedical Sciences – Duke University, 2020

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BS, Biochemistry – Anderson University, 2021

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BS, Biology – Clemson University, 2019

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BS, Microbiology – Clemson University, 2019

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BS, Chemical Biology – Brandeis University, 2019

*Hospital Appointment: Tufts Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts (Obstetrics-Gynecology)*

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

**Nicholas Parrish Collins**

BA, History – University of South Carolina, 2005



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BS, Interdisciplinary Studies – North Greenville University, 2009

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BS, Psychology – Aquinas College, 2021

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BA, Psychology – The Ohio State University, 2022

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BS, Sociology and African American Studies – College of Charleston, 2019

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BS, Nursing – Chamberlain University, 2020

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BSN, Nursing – University of South Carolina Upstate, 2013

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BSN, Nursing – University of South Carolina, 2017

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BS, Nursing – University of Kentucky, 2019

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BSN, Nursing – College of the Ozarks, 2018

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BS, Nursing – Towson University, 2018

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BSN, Nursing – University of South Carolina Upstate, 2018

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BSN, Nursing – University of South Carolina, 2016

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BSN, Nursing – University of South Carolina, 2017

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BS, Nursing – University of West Georgia, 2013

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BS, Nursing – University of Michigan, 2019

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BSN, Nursing – University of Washington, 2018

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BSN, Nursing – Clemson University, 2017

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BSN, Nursing – University of Kentucky, 2019

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BSN, Nursing – Clemson University, 2019

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BSN, Nursing – Clemson University, 2018

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BSN, Nursing – Bob Jones University, 2019

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BS, Nursing – Mount St. Mary's University, 2015

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BS, Nursing – University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, 2019

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BSN, Nursing – Medical University of South Carolina, 2018

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BSN, Nursing – Clemson University, 2013

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BSN, Nursing – University of South Carolina Upstate, 2014

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BA, Exercise and Sport Science – University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, 2010

BS, Nursing – University of North Carolina Wilmington, 2014

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BS, Exercise Science – Towson University, 2017

MSN, Nursing – University of Maryland, 2019

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BSN, Nursing – Kent State University, 2019

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BSN, Nursing – Clemson University, 2019

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BSN, Nursing – Bob Jones University, 2019

**Madeline Hubbard Richardson**

BSN, Nursing – Anderson University, 2019

**Taylor Grace Rizzetta**

BSN, Nursing – Clemson University, 2019

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BSN, Nursing – Clemson University, 2017

**Caroline Elizabeth Sloop**

BSN, Nursing – University of South Carolina, 2019

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BSN, Nursing – University of South Carolina, 2017

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**Genetic Counseling**

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BS, Genetics and Developmental Biology – The Pennsylvania State University, 2020

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BS, Genetics – Clemson University, 2023

**Kashish Rimik Khanna**

BS, Biological Sciences – University of Cincinnati, 2022

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BA, Public Health – University of South Carolina 2023

**Audrey Hyun Sook Parrott**

BS, Biology – Georgia College and State University, 2023

**Ansley Dale Roberts**

BS, Biology – Furman University, 2022

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BS, Biopsychology – Thomas Jefferson University, 2023

**Julia Anne Schoeni**

BA, Genetics – Rutgers University, 2019

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BS, Genetics – University of Georgia, 2022

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BS, Exercise Science – Belmont University, 2018

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BS, Biology/Exercise Science – Rutgers University, 2018

MS, Exercise Physiology – Baylor University, 2020

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BS, Clinical Medicine – China Medical University, 2014

MS, Biomedical Science – Temple University, 2019

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BS, Biochemistry - University of Eldoret, Kenya, 2013

BS, Biochemistry – Egerton University, Kenya, 2011

MS, Biomedical Sciences/Molecular Medicine – The University of Toledo, 2021

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### **Biomedical Sciences**

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BS, Chemistry – Luther College, 2022

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BS, Biology – Georgia Southern University, 2011

**Destiny Ty'Kim Harris**

BS, Biology – Coker University, 2023

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BS, Biology – Claflin University, 2017

**Christian Fred Jacobsen**

BA, Neuroscience – Connecticut College, 2023

**Kenny Johnson**

BS, Biological Sciences – Clemson University, 2019

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DMD, Faculty of Medicine – University of Novi Sad, 2020

MS, International Business – University of Ljubljana, 2022

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BS, Psychology and Biological Sciences – University of South Carolina, 2024

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BS, Biology – Benedict College, 2022

**Erin Richards**

BS, Dietetics – University of Georgia, 2018

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BS, Biology – Claflin University, 2023

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BS, Education – College of Charleston, 2011

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BS, Biology – University of South Carolina, 2022

**Jennifer Anne Baker**

BS, Psychology and Communications – University of Kentucky, 2019

**Mary Margaret Bates**

BS, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology – University of South Carolina, 2017

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BS, Biological Sciences and Psychology – University of South Carolina, 2021

**Kiah Danielle Carrothers**

BS, Applied Psychology and Global Public Health – New York University, 2020

**Chloe Madalyn Cobb**

BS, Exercise Science – University of South Carolina, 2021

**Ansleigh Rae Eaves**

BA, Art History and Art – University of South Carolina, 2021

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BS, Biology – Erskine College, 2018

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BS, Exercise Science – University of South Carolina Aiken, 2021

**McKenna Cassella Greene**

BS, Exercise Science – University of South Carolina, 2021

**Chloe Johnson Harris**

BS, Chemistry – University of South Carolina, 2021

**Alexis Leigh Hawkinson**

BS, Biological Sciences – University of South Carolina, 2022

**Kaitlyn Rose Hickey**

BS, Exercise Science – University of South Carolina, 2022

**Sydney Brown Jenkins**

BS, Biological Sciences – University of South Carolina, 2020

**Isabel Miles Johnson**

BS, Health Sciences – Furman University, 2022

**Thomas Emil Kolbusz**

BS, Biology – Benedictine University, 2020

**Robert James Lanier**

BS, Biology and Chemistry – University of South Carolina Beaufort, 2019

**Abbey Melissa Mahoney**

BS, Cardiovascular Technology – University of South Carolina, 2019

**Matthew Walker McCain**

BS, Exercise Science – University of South Carolina, 2020

**Bradleigh Winter Mills**

BS, Biology and Spanish – Wofford College, 2022

**Taylor Kerington Olson**

BS, Exercise Science – University of South Carolina, 2022

**Alexander Griffin Poole**

BS, Biological Sciences – University of South Carolina, 2021

**Matthew James Ray Poston**

BS, Biological Sciences – University of South Carolina, 2021

**Timothy Darryl Ray**

BS, Biological Sciences – University of South Carolina, 2022

**Stephen Michael Rumfelt**

BS, Exercise Science – University of South Carolina, 2019

**Kelsey Kennedy Saunders**

BS, Biology – Furman University, 2022

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BS, Biological Sciences – University of South Carolina, 2020

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BS, Exercise Science – University of South Carolina, 2021

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BS, Biological Sciences – Clemson University, 2021

## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE COLUMBIA Faculty Awards

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

Awarded by the Class of 2025 in recognition of outstanding teaching during the four years of medical school.

L. Britt Wilson, Ph.D., Columbia (Basic Science)

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

### **Teachers of the Year**

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Andrew Sides, M.D., Columbia | Tabitha Townsend, M.D., Florence

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Andrew Sides, M.D., Columbia | Hugh Wilcox, M.D., Florence

*Presented by the Class of 2027*

Alexa Gandy, Ph.D., Columbia

*Presented by the Class of 2028*

L. Britt Wilson, Ph.D., Columbia

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

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Phillip Prest, D.O.

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

Kerry Sims, 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

Andrew Nicholas Hendrix  
Sarah Hall Kiriluk

### Dean's Leadership Citation

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

### Dean's Special Recognition Award

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

Sara Rylee White Fowler  
Caroline Hermena Kerrison

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Lauren Ashley Sattele  
Michel Joseph Shahid III  
Shelby Smith  
Julia Michelle Thoppil

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Sireen Momani, D.O.  
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**Agatha Hodgins Award in  
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Taylor Rizzeta - Columbia  
Marvelle Lareche - Greenville

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**Award for Clinical Excellence  
in Rehabilitation Counseling**  
Zachary Ho

**Award for Excellence  
in Obstetrics and Gynecology**  
Elizabeth Rowan Kelly

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Christopher Matthew Cooke Jr.

**David A. Pillinger  
Clinical Psychiatry Award**  
Clinton Thomas Favre Jr.

**David E. Tribble Surgery Award**  
Andrew Nicholas Hendrix

**Dean C. Barnhart Award  
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Brooke Morgan Bullard

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**Dr. James R. Stallworth,  
M.D. Student Scholar Award**  
Hallie Joan Roerden

**Dr. James R. Stallworth  
Physician Assistant  
Award for Clinical Excellence**  
Chloe Madalyn Cobb

**Dr. Kerry Lachance Outstanding  
Contribution to the  
Rehabilitation Counseling  
Program Award**  
Erica Hoyer  
Chiesoiro Okoro

**Dr. Marlene A. Wilson  
Distinguished Physician  
Assistant Student Award**  
McKenna Cassella Greene

**Felix H. Lauter Award for  
Excellence in Microbiology**  
Andrew Nicholas Hendrix

**Foundational Medical Anatomy  
Award**  
Jessica Lynn Pia

**Francis L. Abel Award for  
Academic Excellence in  
Physiology**  
Thomas Gordon Sanders

**Hilla Sheriff Pediatric Award**  
Hallie Joan Roerden

**Joan Kershner and Frank Farley  
Leadership Award**  
Julia Michelle Thoppil

**Lawrence V. Jowers Award  
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Kristina Grace DiMiceli

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**Merck Manual Award**  
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Contribution to the  
Rehabilitation Counseling  
Program**  
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**Outstanding Student in  
Foundational Medical Anatomy**  
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Biochemistry**  
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### Dean's Award

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Branum O'Neal Layton

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