FRANK H. NETTER MD
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
COMMENCEMENT
EXERCISES

Friday the Tenth of May
2024
One o’clock
GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT OLIAN

Congratulations to the Class of 2024 as you celebrate the culmination of four years of hard work and a steadfast commitment to your dream. As you embark on residencies in 24 states and 16 different specialties and subspecialties, you are well prepared to be leaders in your community and to practice truly compassionate, patient-centered healthcare.

As graduates of Quinnipiac University’s Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine, you have learned from a distinguished faculty and a committed staff. You also have learned valuable lessons from each other during this transformative time. Please stay connected to the QU Netter community and continue to enjoy the many friendships and mentorships you have nurtured here.

Your talent, drive and purpose are sure to impact many and to make the world a better and more equitable place for all. Enjoy this day with your families, friends and others who have helped you reach this milestone. Together, we are cheering for you, with utmost pride.

Warmly,

Judy D. Olian, PhD
A MESSAGE FROM DEAN BOISELLE

Congratulations to the Class of 2024 on your remarkable achievement!

Four years ago, you entered medical school amid a global pandemic. Individually and collectively, you have successfully met a series of unprecedented challenges with an admirable combination of grace and grit. At every step, you kept your focus on caring for our patients, our community and one another.

You are graduating at a watershed moment of opportunity for greater health equity and are poised to help lead these efforts in the communities in which you serve. As you go forth as doctors, you will help fulfill our school’s vision of painting a brighter and more equitable healthcare future for all — one brushstroke and one patient at a time.

No matter where your future career paths take you, you will always be part of our QU Netter family! Please share news of your successes and allow us to support you on your respective journeys.

Good luck and Godspeed!

Phillip Boiselle, MD
ORDER OF EXERCISES

Trumpet Prelude and Processional
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar

Call to Commencement
Debra J. Liebowitz, PhD
Provost

National Anthem
Rebecca Zhoujie Fang, MD ’24

Greetings
Judy D. Olian, PhD
President

Dean’s Remarks
Phillip M. Boiselle, MD
Dean of the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine

Introduction of Commencement Speaker
Lyuba Konopasek, MD
Senior Associate Dean for Education

Commencement Address
Manisha Juthani, MD
Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Public Health

Presentation of Candidates for Medical Degrees and Conferral of Hoods
Phillip M. Boiselle
Renu Boatright, MD
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

Conferral of Degrees
Judy D. Olian

Student Remarks
Madison Masters, MD ’24

QU Netter Physician’s Pledge
Lyuba Konopasek

Alumni Welcome
Jeanna Doherty ’94
Trustee and Alumni Association Board

Recessional

Please remain at your seats until the Commencement procession files out.
A post-ceremony reception will take place at the Rocky Top Student Center.
CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

Doctor of Medicine

Nour Aboumatar
Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
University of Connecticut School of Medicine, CT
Internal Medicine

Blake Acquarulo
High Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
University of Connecticut School of Medicine, CT
General Surgery

Olaoluwa Adebayo
Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
University of Connecticut School of Medicine, CT
Anesthesiology

Marcus Alexander
High Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
University of Miami/Jackson Memorial, FL
Neurosurgery Pre-Residency Fellowship

Percy Algarate
Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell at NS/LIJ, NY
Thoracic Surgery

David Amann
Distinction in Interprofessional Education and Practice
Zucker School of Medicine at Northwell Mather Hospital, NY
Psychiatry

Justin Badgett
Distinction in Medical Humanities
University of Rochester/Strong Memorial, NY
Psychiatry/Child Psychiatry

Sarah Bart
Distinction in Medical Humanities
Temple University Hospital, PA
Family Medicine

Emma Bergman
Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
NYP Hospital/Columbia & Cornell, NY
Emergency Medicine

Luiza Bett
High Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
NYU Grossman School of Medicine, NY
Medicine Preliminary
NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine, NY
Radiation Oncology

Benjamin Braun
Distinction in Health Policy and Advocacy
Rutgers-New Jersey Medical School, NJ
Transitional Year Preliminary
Health Education Services-TN, NM
Diagnostic Radiology

Matthew Bunce
Distinction in Interprofessional Education and Practice
UPMC Medical Education, PA
Emergency Medicine

Joseph Carbonaro
Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
Yale New Haven Hospital, CT
Emergency Medicine

Kritika Chagari
Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
ISMMS Mount Sinai Morningside-West, NY
Internal Medicine

BiWei Chen
Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
Stamford Hospital/Columbia, CT
Internal Medicine

Carolyn Conlon
Distinction in Health Policy and Advocacy
University of Maryland Medical Center, MD
Obstetrics and Gynecology

Jonah Cremin-Endes
Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
Naval Medical Center San Diego, CA
Psychiatry

Marine de Marcken
Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, NH
Internal Medicine

Zachariah Demarais
High Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
UC San Francisco, CA
Internal Medicine

Sammer Dia
Distinction in Medical Humanities
Oregon Health & Science University, OR
Family Medicine

Gustavo Dos Reis Porto
Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research
Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital, RI
Emergency Medicine

Josiah Douglas
Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
Mohawk Valley Health System, NY
Transitional Year

Carlos Echeverria
High Distinction in Medical Education
NYU Grossman School of Medicine, NY
Internal Medicine

Residency location and specialty listed below name
Fiona Evans  
*Distinction in Health Policy and Advocacy*  
Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital, RI  
General Surgery

**Rebecca Fang**  
*Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health*  
St. Luke’s Warren Hospital, NJ  
Family Medicine

**Joshua Fedorko**  
*High Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine, NY  
Internal Medicine

**Joshua Fontaine**  
*Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health*  
UPMC Medical Education, PA  
Pediatrics

**John Garcia-Muñoz**  
*Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health*  
Barnes-Jewish Hospital, MO  
Orthopaedic Surgery

**Benjamin Gaylord**  
*High Distinction in Medical Humanities*  
SW Healthcare Medical Education Consortium, CA  
Emergency Medicine

**Jack Goodman**  
*Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
Thomas Jefferson University, PA  
Internal Medicine

**Joshua Green**  
*High Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
Albany Medical Center, NY  
Orthopaedic Surgery

**Daniel Hecht**  
*Distinction in Health Policy and Advocacy*  
Loyola University Medical Center, IL  
Internal Medicine/Pediatrics

**Ron Helderman**  
*Distinction in Medical Education*  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical School-Dallas, TX  
Emergency Medicine

**Alexander Herr**  
*Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
UMass Chan Medical School, MA  
Emergency Medicine

**Raquel Hoopes**  
*Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
Rutgers-New Jersey Medical School, NJ  
Transitional Year Preliminary  
Health Education Services-TN, NM  
Diagnostic Radiology

**Kipp Hopper**  
*Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health*  
Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital, RI  
Pediatrics

**John Horne**  
*Distinction in Healthcare Management and Organizational Leadership*  
Geisinger Health System, PA  
Anatomic and Clinical Pathology

**David Hyndman**  
*Distinction in Medical Education*  
SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn, NY  
Medicine Preliminary  
Berkshire Medical Center, MA  
Diagnostic Radiology

**Lillian James**  
*Distinction in Medical Humanities*  
University of Connecticut School of Medicine, CT  
Pediatrics

**Emily Jetter**  
*Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health*  

**Renee Jozanovic**  
*Distinction in Medical Humanities*  
Montefiore Medical Center/Einstein, NY  
Family Medicine

**Jarrett Kelley**  
*Distinction in Healthcare Management and Organizational Leadership*  
Stamford Hospital/Columbia, CT  
Internal Medicine

**Paul Kim**  
*High Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
Alameda Health System-Highland Hospital, CA  
Internal Medicine

**Okensama La-Anyane**  
*High Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health*  
University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, WI  
Plastic Surgery (Integrated)

**Lori Laddaran**  
*Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
UCLA Medical Center, CA  
Anesthesiology

**Hannah Lahey**  
*Distinction in Health Policy and Advocacy*  
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, MA  
Neurology

**Jacob Laperche**  
*High Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
Eastern CT Health Network, CT  
Family Medicine

**Kelsea LaSorda**  
*Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
UPMC Medical Education, PA  
Anesthesiology

**Alexander Lau**  
*Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
Zucker School of Medicine-Northwell NS/LIJ, NY  
Medicine Preliminary, Neurology
Bomsol Lee  
*Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
Rutgers-New Jersey Medical School, NJ  
General Surgery

Natalie Leslie  
*Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health*  
Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital, RI  
Pediatrics

Megan Leubner  
*High Distinction in Health Policy and Advocacy*  
University of Maryland Medical Center, MD  
Anesthesiology

Alex Levine  
*Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health*  
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, CA  
Internal Medicine

Brendan Lilley  
*Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
Cleveland Clinic Foundation, OH  
Orthopaedic Surgery

Andrew Liu  
*High Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
UMass Chan Medical School, MA  
Internal Medicine

Allison Lonstein  
*High Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health*  
Harvard South Shore, MA  
Psychiatry

John Madu  
*Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health*  
Baylor University Medical Center-Dallas, TX  
Diagnostic Radiology

Cristina Mancini  
*High Distinction in Healthcare Management and Organizational Leadership*  
Middlesex Hospital, CT  
Family Medicine

Madison Masters  
*High Distinction in Medical Education*  
MGB-Massachusetts General Hospital, MA  
Internal Medicine

Davina Matinho  
*High Distinction in Medical Education*  
Maine Medical Center, ME  
Neurology

Erick Melara  
*Distinction in Health Communications*  
Saint Agnes Medical Center, CA  
Emergency Medicine

Craig Mendonca  
*Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health*  
University of Connecticut School of Medicine, CT  
Internal Medicine

Sydney Miller  
*Distinction in Health Policy and Advocacy*  
University of Connecticut School of Medicine, CT  
Obstetrics and Gynecology

Emily Miramontes  
*Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
Kaiser Permanente-Oakland, CA  
Internal Medicine

Ioana Moldovan  
*Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health*  
University of Connecticut School of Medicine, CT  
Pediatrics

Rafael Moreno  
*Distinction in Medical Education*  
Boston University Medical Center, MA  
Internal Medicine

Ryan Morris  
*Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
Oregon Health & Science University, OR  
Family Medicine

Alvaro Nava  
*Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
NYU Grossman School of Medicine, NY  
Medicine Preliminary  
ISMMS NYC Health+Hospitals/Elmhurst, NY  
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Katherine Nichols  
*Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
NYP Hospital-Columbia University Medical Center, NY  
Internal Medicine

Rommell Victor Noche  
*Distinction in Health Communications*  
UC Irvine Medical Center, CA  
Surgery Preliminary, Interventional Radiology (Integrated)

Jane O’Bryan  
*High Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
University of Southern California, CA  
Obstetrics and Gynecology

Leidy Ortiz  
*Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
Yale New Haven Hospital, CT  
Anesthesiology

Derek Paradis  
*Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, MD  
Anesthesiology

Rahul Patel  
*High Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
Albany Medical Center, NY  
Otolaryngology

Joseph Petrosino  
*Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
Yale New Haven Hospital, CT  
Emergency Medicine

Marisa Pietrandrea  
*Distinction in Medical Education*  
Indiana University School of Medicine, IN  
Internal Medicine/Pediatrics
Daniel Regan  
*Distinction in Medical Education*  
University of Maryland Medical Center, MD  
Pediatrics/Emergency Medicine

Maisha Savani  
*High Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health*  
University of Vermont Medical Center, VT  
Internal Medicine

Robert Scappaticci  
*High Distinction in Medical Education*  
Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, NH  
Internal Medicine

Taylor Schofield  
*High Distinction in Medical Humanities*  
Utah HealthCare Institute/St. Mark’s, UT  
Family Medicine

Kelley Sharp  
*High Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
University of Connecticut School of Medicine, CT  
Medicine Preliminary, Dermatology

Youstina Soliman  
*High Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
Maimonides Medical Center, NY  
Obstetrics and Gynecology

Hannah Sur  
*Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
Mount Sinai Hospital, NY  
Prostate Cancer Research Fellowship

Coleman Swaim  
*Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
University of Connecticut School of Medicine, CT  
Internal Medicine

Evan Thomson  
*Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
University of Tennessee Health Science Center-Memphis, TN  
Otolaryngology

Jessica Tiber  
*Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
UC San Diego Medical Center, CA  
Psychiatry

Zach Tochka  
*Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
Albany Medical Center, NY  
Psychiatry

Katherine Trymbulak  
*High Distinction in Medical Humanities*  
Albany Medical Center, NY  
Obstetrics and Gynecology

Marisa Walsh  
*Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health*  
Boston University Medical Center, MA  
Psychiatry

Ashley Ward  
*Distinction in Medical Humanities*  
University of Montana, MT  
Family Medicine

Ryan Ward  
*Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
Saint Mary’s Hospital, CT  
Medicine Preliminary, Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital, RI  
Diagnostic Radiology

Joy Yang  
*Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
Hartford Hospital, CT  
Psychiatry

Emma Yates  
*High Distinction in Basic, Translational and Clinical Science Research*  
MGB-Massachusetts General Hospital, MA  
Pediatrics
ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

Excellent Performance in a Required Clinical Clerkship

Critical Care—Marisa Pietrandrea
Emergency Medicine—Emma Bergman
Family Medicine—Taylor Schofield
Internal Medicine—Jack Goodman
OB/GYN—Katherine Trymbulak
Pediatrics—Natalie Leslie
Psychiatry—Jonah Cremin-Endes
Surgery—Blake Acquarulo

Awards for Leadership and Service

Gerald R. Berg, MD, Service Award—Benjamin Gaylord
This award recognizes an individual who demonstrates selfless and compassionate service to the community.

Dean’s Leadership Award—Madison Masters
This award recognizes an individual who demonstrates outstanding leadership to their class and the school.

State and National Awards

Academy of Family Physicians Dr. David and Arthur Schuman Award—Ryan Morris
Connecticut Academy of Family Physicians Annual Student Award—Renee Jozanovic
Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Award—Jane O’Bryan
Connecticut American College of Physicians Internal Medicine Award—Nour Aboumatar
Excellence in Public Health Award from the U.S. Public Health Service Physician Professional Advisory Committee—Megan Leubner
Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award—John Garcia-Muñoz
The purpose of the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award, presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation, is to recognize the value of humanism in the delivery of care to patients and their families.

Awards for Outstanding Capstone Projects

Barbara Pober, MD, MPH, Clinical Science Scholarship Award—Zachariah Demarais
Scholarship in Community or Global Health Award—Kensie La-Anyane
Scholarship in Health Equity Award—Marisa Walsh
Scholarship in Humanism Award—Taylor Schofield
Scholarship in Medical Innovation and Education Award—David Hyndman
Scholarship in Primary Care Award—Ashley Ward
Stephen Wikel, PhD, Scientific Scholarship Award—Joshua Green

Awards for High Distinction in a Capstone Concentration

Blake Acquarulo
Marcus Alexander
Luiza Bett
Zachariah Demarais
Carlos Echeverria
Josh Fedorko
Ben Gaylord
Josh Green
Ron Helderman
Paul Kim
Kensie La-Anyane
Megan Leubner
Andrew Liu
Allison Lonstein
Cristina Mancini
Madison Masters
Davina Matinho
Jane O’Bryan
Rahul Patel
Maisha Savani
Robert Scappaticci
Taylor Schofield
Kelley Sharp
Yostina Soliman
Katie Trymbulak
Emma Yates

Gold Humanism Honor Society

Blake Acquarulo
Olaoluwa Adebayo
Fiona Evans
Joshua Fontaine
Kipp Hopper
Renee Jozanovic
Hannah Lahey
Megan Leubner
Allison Lonstein
Madison Masters
Sydney Miller
John Garcia-Muñoz
Rommell Victor Noche
Katherine Trymbulak
FRANK H. NETTER MD SCHOOL OF MEDICINE PHYSICIAN’S PLEDGE

AS A MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION:

• I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE to dedicate my life to the service of humanity;
• THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF MY PATIENT will be my first consideration;
• I WILL RESPECT the autonomy and dignity of my patient;
• I WILL MAINTAIN the utmost respect for human life;
• I WILL NOT PERMIT considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing or any other factor to intervene between my duty and my patient;
• I WILL ADVOCATE for social, economic, educational, and political changes that ameliorate suffering and contribute to the well-being of my patients and the communities I serve;
• I WILL RESPECT the secrets that are confided in me, even after the patient has died;
• I WILL PRACTICE my profession with conscience and dignity and in accordance with good medical practice;
• I WILL FOSTER the honor and noble traditions of the medical profession;
• I WILL GIVE to my teachers, colleagues, and students the respect and gratitude that is their due;
• I WILL SHARE my medical knowledge for the benefit of the patient and the advancement of healthcare;
• I WILL ATTEND TO my own health, well-being, and abilities in order to provide care of the highest standard;
• I WILL NOT USE my medical knowledge to violate human rights and civil liberties, even under threat;
• I MAKE THESE PROMISES solemnly, freely, and upon my honor.

Adapted from the WMA Declaration of Geneva Updated October 2017 (The Physician’s Pledge) and the AMA Declaration of Professional Responsibility