FRANK H. NETTER MD
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
COMMENCEMENT
EXERCISES

Friday the Eighth of May

2020

Two o’clock
GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT OLIAN

Congratulations to the Class of 2020 as we celebrate this memorable milestone in your lives. As you embark upon rewarding residencies and careers as members of patient-centered health care teams, you are joining a nation of health care heroes whose service to society is invaluable.

You will touch so many lives in meaningful ways, and I trust your faculty and classmates at the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac have prepared you well for this exciting next chapter. Please stay connected to your classmates and continue to draw upon the many friendships formed here for the rest of your lives.

This is a special day to share with your families and friends whose support I know contributed to your success. Be sure to celebrate your accomplishments and anticipate, with excitement, your future as it unfolds. Enjoy this moment and know that all of Bobcat Nation will be cheering you on with pride.

Best regards,

Judy D. Olian, PhD

A MESSAGE FROM DEAN KOEPPEN

As members of the fourth graduating class of the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine, you have shown incredible resilience in your response to the impact of the coronavirus on your educational experience, including your virtual Match Day celebration and now your virtual Commencement ceremony. Your positive approach and actions during this time have been inspirational for all of us.

As you begin your residency training, many of you will be on the front lines as our country, and the world, continue to confront the coronavirus. I am confident that you are fully prepared to meet that challenge with the knowledge, skills and compassion you possess. You have already made us proud, and I know you will continue to do so.

The entire faculty and staff at the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine wishes you long and meaningful careers and much success.

Best wishes,

Bruce M. Koeppen, MD, PhD
ORDER OF EXERCISES

Processional
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar

Call to Commencement
Bruce Koeppen, MD, PhD
Dean, Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine

Greetings
Judy D. Olian, PhD
President

Remarks
Bruce Koeppen

Commencement Address
William A. McDade, MD, PhD
Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer
Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)

Presentation of Anesthesiologist Assistant Candidates for Degrees
A. William Paulsen, MMSc, PhD
Professor of Medical Sciences and
Anesthesiologist Assistant Program Director

Conferral of Degrees
Judy D. Olian

Presentation of Candidates for Medical Degrees
and Conferral of Hoods
Kim-Thu C. Pham, MD, MPH
Associate Dean, Student Affairs

Conferral of Degrees
Judy D. Olian

Student Remarks
Florence Yuan, MD ’20

Faculty Remarks
Traci Marquis-Eydman, MD
Associate Professor of Medical Sciences
Medical Student Home Program Director
Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship Director

Student Remarks
Joanna Marantidis, MD ’20
President, Class of 2020

Hippocratic Oath
Robert Bona, MD
Professor of Medical Sciences

Closing of Exercises
Bruce Koeppen
Commencement Speaker

William A. McDade, MD, PhD

William A. McDade, MD, PhD, is the chief diversity and inclusion officer for the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. He focuses on national initiatives to diversify and include underrepresented groups throughout the medical education continuum. The council’s goal is to provide physicians with the knowledge and skills to serve the American public in humanistic environments where clinician and patient well-being are promoted.

Before joining ACGME, McDade was executive vice president and chief academic officer at Ochsner Health System in New Orleans and prior to that, a professor of anesthesia and critical care at the University of Chicago, where he completed terms as deputy provost for research and minority issues and as associate dean for multicultural affairs at the Pritzker School of Medicine.

McDade earned an undergraduate degree in chemistry from DePaul University, a PhD in biophysics and theoretical biology from the University of Chicago, and his medical degree from Chicago’s Pritzker School of Medicine Medical Scientist Training program. He completed his internship in internal medicine at the University of Chicago and residency in anesthesiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital-Harvard Medical School. He has made clinical anesthesiology and the treatment of sickle cell disease the focus of his clinical care and research.

He has served on the ACGME board of directors, as a member of the National Board of Medical Examiners, and as a member of the U.S. Department of Education’s National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation. He is a member of the AMA Board of Trustees and the AMA Board representative to the Coalition for Physician Accountability.

McDade also has served as president and chair of the boards of trustees of both the Illinois State Medical Society and the Chicago Medical Society. In 2012, he was chosen to receive the Chicago Medical Society’s Physician of the Year Award.
CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

Master of Medical Science
Anesthesiologist Assistant
Ramandeep Chohan
Cameron Combs
Cassandra Toellner
Addison Veitch
Paige Victor

Doctor of Medicine*
Rachel Alade
High Distinction in Global, Public and Community Health
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, PA
Pediatrics

Arjun Bahl
Distinction in Healthcare Management and Organizational Leadership
University of Washington Affiliated Hospitals, WA
Internal Medicine

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Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, MA
Family Medicine

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Distinction in Health Communications
New York University Winthrop Hospital, NY
Internal Medicine
New York University Grossman School of Medicine, NY
Neurology

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Tufts Medical Center, MA
Pediatrics

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Yale New Haven Hospital, CT
Emergency Medicine

Jason Bisaillon
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University of Connecticut School of Medicine, CT
Emergency Medicine

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State University of New York Upstate Medical University, NY
Obstetrics and Gynecology

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Baylor University Medical Center, TX
Surgery-General

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New York City Medical College Metropolitan Hospital, NY
Psychiatry

Alexander Buell
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Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, NH
Psychiatry

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Internal Medicine
University of Connecticut School of Medicine, CT
Anesthesiology

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Emergency Medicine

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Zucker School of Medicine Northwell Cohen Children's, NY
Pediatrics

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Pediatrics

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Geisinger Health System, PA
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Radiology-Diagnostic

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Hartford Hospital, CT
Psychiatry

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Radiology-Diagnostic

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Obstetrics and Gynecology

Lacey Gowdy
High Distinction in Medical Education
University of Vermont Medical Center, VT
Pediatrics

*residency location and specialty listed below name
Lyndsay Hauser
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St. Vincent's Medical Center, CT
Internal Medicine

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Rhode Island Hospital, Brown University, RI
Internal Medicine

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University of Tennessee Memphis, TN
Urology

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Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, CA
Pediatrics

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Pediatrics

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Rush University Medical Center, IL
Internal Medicine

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Psychiatry

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Surgery-Preliminary

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ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

Excellent Performance in a Required Clinical Clerkship
- Critical Care—Nicholas Calitri
- Emergency Medicine—Jordan Wells
- Family Medicine—Claire Barton
- Internal Medicine—Meng Geng
- OB/GYN—Britton Gibson
- Pediatrics—Maiah Zarrabi
- Psychiatry—Brian Wasicek
- Surgery—Seija Maniskas

Awards for Leadership and Service
- Gerald R. Berg, MD, Service—Clark Santee
  This award recognizes an individual who demonstrates selfless and compassionate service to the community.
- Dean’s Leadership Award—Joanna Marantidis
  This award recognizes an individual who demonstrates outstanding leadership to their class and the school.

State and National Awards
- Connecticut Academy of Family Physicians Dr. David and Arthur Schuman Award—Florence Yuan
- Connecticut Academy of Family Physicians Annual Student Award—Jacqueline Yu
- Connecticut Chapter American College of Surgeons Award—Seija Maniskas
- Connecticut Chapter American College of Physicians Recognition Award—Vithya Thambiaiyah
- Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award—Lacey Gowdy
  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—Joshua Bia
- MeSH Preceptors Award for Scholarship in Primary Care—Ashley Trinh
- Scholarship in Community or Global Health Award—Abhishek Thakur
- Scholarship in Humanism Award—Carolyn Dubeau
- Scholarship in Medical Innovation and Education Award—Lacey Gowdy
- Stephen Wikel, PhD, Scientific Scholarship Award—Kevin Wu

Awards for High Distinction in a Capstone Concentration
- Rachel Alade
- Claire Barton
- Stephanie Batson
- Joshua Bia
- Trevor Borries
- Donias Doko
- Carolyn Dubeau
- Kevin Duignan
- Britton Gibson
- Lacey Gowdy
- Diana Jo
- Dylan Levy
- Tony Li-Geng
- Joanna Marantidis
- Jalea Moses
- Matthew O’Brien
- Vidhi Rao
- Kyra Ray
- Naveen Kumar Reddy
- Bosokara Sokhom
- Paige Staudenmaier
- Katherine Vaillancourt
- Jordan Wells
- Kevin Wu
- Florence Yuan
- Kristen Zozulin

Gold Humanism Honor Society
- Claire Barton
- Samuel Baskharoun
- Alexander Buell
- Donias Doko
- Lacey Gowdy
- Jelena Ivanis
- Joanna Marantidis
- Aaron Perecman
- Naveen Kumar Reddy
- Clark Santee
- Natali Senocak
- Paige Staudenmaier
- Vithya Thambiaiyah
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School of Medicine

The Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine is a vibrant health care community that educates and nurtures diverse, compassionate physicians who promote wellness and patient-centered care for all members of society.

The School of Medicine is dedicated to educating current and future physicians to serve our community, as well as our profession. We accomplish this goal in a student-centered, collaborative environment that values compassionate care, integrity and inclusivity, academic excellence and scholarship, adaptability and social responsibility.

- **Primary care education**: providing education focused on partnering with patients to promote health as well as first-line care and chronic disease management.

- **Personal and professional integrity**: achieving our highest potential as humans and healers by consistently acting with honesty and in accordance with strong moral values.

- **Academic excellence**: creating a stimulating, student-centered environment that supports both learners and faculty to excel in their scholastic activities.

- **Inclusiveness and diversity**: respecting and valuing all members of our health care education community.

- **Compassion and patient-centeredness**: putting the patient at the center of the health care experience.

- **Social justice**: seeking to address health care inequalities both locally and globally and providing all patients with equal access to care.

- **Scholarship**: advancing the field of medicine by promoting discovery, application, integration and dissemination of knowledge throughout one's career.

- **Interprofessional collaboration**: promoting teamwork between disciplines and across institutions to deliver high-quality care.

- **Community partnership**: developing learning and service opportunities that improve the health of our community.

- **Social responsibility**: advocating to improve the broader determinants of health in the setting of finite resources.
The Hippocratic Oath

I swear to fulfill, to the best of my ability and judgment, this covenant:

I will respect the hard-won scientific gains of those physicians in whose steps I walk and gladly share such knowledge as is mine with those who are to follow.

I will apply, for the benefit of the sick, all measures that are required, avoiding those twin traps of overtreatment and therapeutic nihilism.

I will remember that there is art to medicine as well as science, and that warmth, sympathy and understanding may outweigh the surgeon’s knife or the chemist’s drug.

I will not be ashamed to say, “I know not,” nor will I fail to call in my colleagues when the skills of another are needed for a patient’s recovery.

I will respect the privacy of my patients, for their problems are not disclosed to me that the world may know. Most especially must I tread with care in matters of life and death.

If it is given me to save a life, all thanks. But it may also be within my power to take a life; this awesome responsibility must be faced with great humbleness and awareness of my own frailty. Above all, I must not play at God.

I will remember that I do not treat a fever chart, a cancerous growth, but a sick human being whose illness may affect the person’s family and economic stability. My responsibility includes these related problems, if I am to care adequately for the sick.

I will prevent disease whenever I can, for prevention is preferable to cure.

I will remember that I remain a member of society, with special obligations to all my fellow human beings; those sound of mind and body as well as the infirm.

If I do not violate this oath, may I enjoy life and art, respected while I live and remembered with affection thereafter. May I always act so as to preserve the finest traditions of my calling, and may I long experience the joy of healing those who seek my help.