



DOCTORAL HOODING CEREMONY

2020

OUR MISSION

To educate physicians and health professionals to meet the primary care and health care needs of rural and medically underserved areas of Georgia.

OUR VISION

To be a recognized leader in educating primary care, rural and community-based health professionals by:

- Improving access to quality health care for Georgia residents
- Enhancing the health status of Georgia residents
- Providing an outstanding medical and health science education in an environment that emphasizes professionalism, achievement, discovery, diversity, and inclusion



MERCER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Class of 2020

Mercer University School of Medicine was established in 1982 to educate physicians and health professionals to meet the primary care and health care needs of rural and medically underserved areas of Georgia. The full 4 year MD program is offered on the Macon and Savannah Campuses, and years 3 and 4 are offered on the Columbus Campus.



Macon Campus



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Kyle Barnhart



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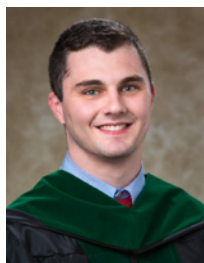
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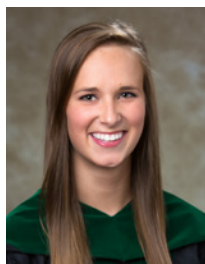
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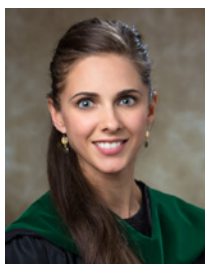
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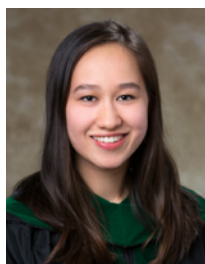
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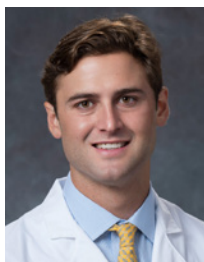
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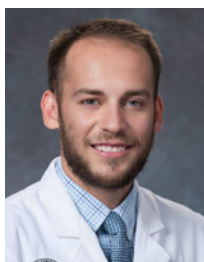
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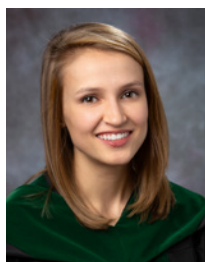
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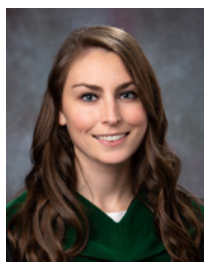
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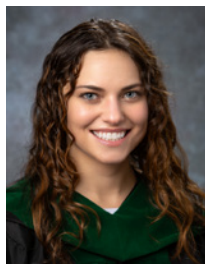


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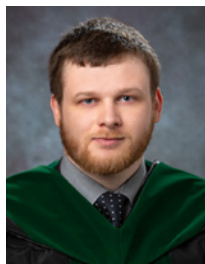
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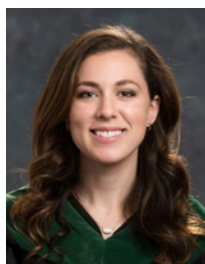
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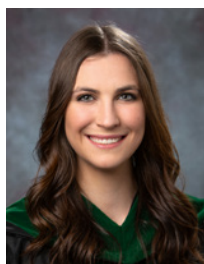
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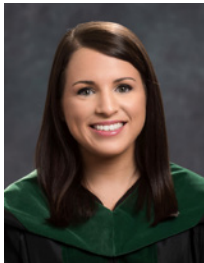
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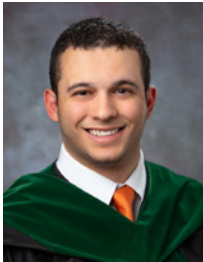
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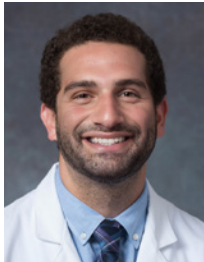
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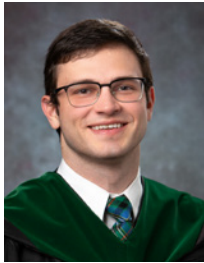
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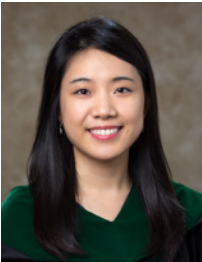
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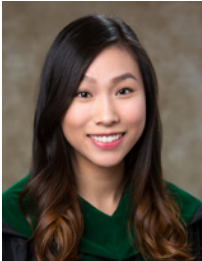
Sophia Rashid



Thomas Scofield



Kaila Thornell



Vivian Vu

RESIDENCY DESTINATIONS

After many years of hard work, Mercer University School of Medicine's graduates are on to the next phase in their careers and this is where their upcoming years in residency will be spent.

Elise Abernathy | Obstetrics-Gynecology
*Memorial Health University
Medical Center, Savannah, GA*

Rachel Albrecht | Family Medicine
*Medical Center, Navicent Health/Mercer
University School of Medicine, Macon, GA*

Claudia Alvarado | Obstetrics-Gynecology
*University of Florida College of Medicine,
Jacksonville, FL*

Vats Ambai | Anesthesiology
*Emory University School of Medicine,
Atlanta, GA*

Roy Anderson | Emergency Medicine
*Prisma Health-Upstate/University of
South Carolina, Greenville, SC*

Alisha Arora | Internal Medicine
*Emory University School of Medicine,
Atlanta, GA*

Thomas Baker | Emergency Medicine
*WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center,
Marietta, GA*

Kyle Barnhart | General Surgery
St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, Pontiac, MI

Mitsy Barr | Internal Medicine
*Grand Strand Regional Medical Center,
Myrtle Beach, SC*

Jack Barrow | Radiology
*University of Tennessee School of Medicine,
Knoxville, TN*

Hannah Batten | Pediatrics
*Medical Center, Navicent Health/Mercer
University School of Medicine, Macon, GA*

Kaylyn Bell | Family Medicine
*University of Miami School of Medicine
Jackson Health System, Miami, FL*

Travis Blanton | Family Medicine
*Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown,
Columbus, GA*

Jack Borkovich | Psychiatry
*Emory University School of Medicine,
Atlanta, GA*

Rachel Burke | Pediatrics
*Medical Center, Navicent Health/Mercer
University School of Medicine, Macon, GA*

Sarah Byrd | Obstetrics-Gynecology
*University of Tennessee Health Science Center,
Memphis, TN*

Chloe Callier | General Surgery
Ochsner Clinic Foundation, New Orleans, LA

Matthew Callier | Diagnostic Radiology
Brookwood Baptist Health, Birmingham, AL

Morgan Castleberry |
Obstetrics-Gynecology
*Medical Center, Navicent Health/Mercer
University School of Medicine, Macon, GA*

Sarah Chason | Obstetrics-Gynecology
*Memorial Health University Medical Center,
Savannah, GA*

Scott Chimberoff | Internal Medicine
Redmond Regional Medical Center, Rome, GA

Julia Chong | Internal Medicine
*WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center,
Marietta, GA*

Philip Chung | Emergency Medicine
Coliseum Medical Centers, Macon, GA

Residency Destinations

Charli Cohen | Pediatrics

*University of Alabama Medical Center,
Birmingham, AL*

Garrett Cole | Internal Medicine

*Medical University of South Carolina,
Charleston, SC*

John Cook | Transitional Year

US Navy, Naval Medical Center, San Diego, CA

Ryan Curcuru | General Surgery

Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA

Megan Dannemiller | Family Medicine

*Memorial Health University Medical Center,
Savannah, GA*

John Davis | Internal Medicine

Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA

Ashley Dean | Internal Medicine

*Memorial Health University Medical Center,
Savannah, GA*

Dontre Douse | Otolaryngology

*Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education,
Rochester, MN*

Nicholas Drury | Otolaryngology

Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA

Pate Duddleston | Neurological Surgery

*Tulane University School of Medicine,
New Orleans, LA*

Katie Dugan | Family Medicine

St. Mary's Medical Center, Grand Junction, CO

Joshua Eskew | Orthopaedic Surgery

*Prisma Health-Upstate/ University of South
Carolina, Greenville, SC*

Naqeeb Farouqi | General Surgery

Atlanta Medical Center, Atlanta, GA

Teresa Fowler | Ophthalmology

Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA

Hannah Galloway | Pediatrics

*Prisma Health-Upstate/University of South
Carolina, Greenville, SC*

Julian Gendreau | Transitional Year

Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, GA

Randi Goldstein | Dermatology

LSU School of Medicine | New Orleans, LA

Ayana Graham | Obstetrics-Gynecology

*Medical Center, Navicent Health/Mercer University
School of Medicine, Macon, GA*

Cristina Guzzetti | Radiology

*University of North Carolina Hospitals,
Chapel Hill, NC*

Ryan Hacherl | Family Medicine

UAnMed Health, Anderson, SC

Aagree Hadadi | Internal Medicine

Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA

Leanna Harbor | Pediatrics

*University of Tennessee Health Science Center,
Memphis, TN*

Thomas Harper | General Surgery

US Navy, Naval Medical Center, San Diego, CA

Salman Hashim | Child Neurology

UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

Joshua Herndon | Internal Medicine

Redmond Regional Medical Center, Rome, GA

Klie Hoffa | Radiology

Lenox Hill Hospital, New York City, NY

Destiny Horton | Emergency Medicine

*WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center,
Marietta, GA*

Thomas Horton | Internal Medicine

Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN

Bryan Hostetler | Emergency Medicine

Coliseum Medical Centers, Macon, GA

Terrell Jenrette | Family Medicine

*Medical Center, Navicent Health/Mercer University
School of Medicine, Macon, GA*

Dabin Ji | Anesthesiology

Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA

Taylor Johns | Pediatrics

*University of Florida College of Medicine Shands
Hospital, Gainesville, FL*

Olivia Kamensky | Pediatrics

*Prisma Health-Midlands USC School of Medicine,
Columbia, SC*

Tara Keil | Anesthesiology

*University of Tennessee School of Medicine,
Knoxville, TN*

Residency Destinations

Cullen Kelly | Internal Medicine
Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA

Vivek Kothari | Internal Medicine
University of Miami/JFK Medical Center Palm Beach GME Consortium, Atlantis, FL

David Kupshik | Radiology
Piedmont Athens Regional, Athens, GA
Memorial Health Medical Center, Savannah, GA

Morgan Lamb | Internal Medicine
University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, VT

Lauren Lewis | Internal Medicine
Medical Center, Navicent Health/Mercer University School of Medicine, Macon, GA

Justin Little | Radiology
Grand Strand Regional Medical Center, Myrtle Beach, SC
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem, NC

Bryan Lynn | Anesthesiology
Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA

Patrick McAlpin |
Medicine-Preliminary/Radiology-Diagnostic
University of Florida College of Medicine Shands Hospital, Gainesville, FL

Ali Bobo McGowen | Emergency Medicine
University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, TN

Nicole Mette | Internal Medicine
Medical Center, Navicent Health/Mercer University School of Medicine, Macon, GA

Austinn Miller | Medicine-Preliminary
Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

Jeffrey Mimbs | Anesthesiology
Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA

William “Dolan” Mitchell | General Surgery
Ochsner Clinic Foundation, New Orleans, LA

Matthew Monaco | Transitional Year
US Navy, Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, VA

Jack Montgomery | Internal Medicine
LSU School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA

Nathan Murphy | Surgery, Preliminary
University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Chattanooga, TN

Jackie Neill | General Surgery
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Emily O’Brien | Obstetrics-Gynecology
UPMC Medical Education, Pittsburgh, PA

Andrew Odegaard | Family Medicine
Medical Center, Navicent Health/Mercer University School of Medicine, Macon, GA

Daniel O’Meara | Pediatrics
Boston Children’s Hospital, Boston, MA

Rena Ow | Obstetrics-Gynecology
Orlando Health, New Orlando, FL

Darshna Patel | Family Medicine
Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA

Kayla Patel | Internal Medicine
WakeStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center, Marietta, GA

Kishan Patel | Family Medicine
Medical Center, Navicent Health/Mercer University School of Medicine, Macon, GA

Sawan Patel | Internal Medicine
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem, NC

Dillon Paulo | Obstetrics-Gynecology
UConn School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

John Polites | Surgery-Preliminary
Orlando Health, New Orlando, FL

Darian Quigg | Emergency Medicine
Grand Strand Regional Medical Center, Myrtle Beach, SC

Christina Ramos | Pediatrics
Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA

Sophia Rashid | Family Medicine
Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA

Residency Destinations

Tyler Reynolds | Family Medicine

*WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center,
Smyrna, GA*

Chase Ruffo | Emergency Medicine

*University of Alabama Medical Center,
Birmingham, AL*

Steven Salinas | Anesthesiology

University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, IL

Thomas “Gus” Scofield | Internal Medicine

Redmond Regional Medical Center, Rome, GA

Amanda Seibert | Pediatrics

*Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital,
St. Petersburg, FL*

Jake Seltman | Internal Medicine-Pediatrics

*Medical University of South Carolina,
Charleston, SC*

Farina Shafqat | Emergency Medicine

*Emory University School of Medicine
Atlanta, GA*

Michael Shelton | General Surgery

*University of Vermont Medical Center,
Burlington, VT*

Matthew Siegel | Internal Medicine

*Medical Center, Navicent Health/Mercer University
School of Medicine, Macon, GA*

Monique Singhal | Family Medicine

MUSC/Trident Medical Center, Charleston, SC

Michael Stevens | Internal Medicine

*Medical Center, Navicent Health/Mercer University
School of Medicine, Macon, GA*

Marcus Stripling | Pediatrics

*Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center,
Baton Rouge, LA*

Robbie Svoboda |

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
*Virginia Commonwealth University Health System,
Richmond, VA*

Austin Thompson | Emergency Medicine

University of Missouri, Kansas City, MO

Kaila Thornell | Anesthesiology

Ochsner Clinic Foundation, New Orleans, LA

Kelly Tipton | Obstetrics-Gynecology

*University of Tennessee Graduate School of
Medicine, Knoxville, TN*

Michael Trainer | Neurology

University of California, San Francisco, CA

Joy Turner | Emergency Medicine

*University of Florida College of Medicine,
Jacksonville, FL*

Vivian Vu | Internal Medicine

Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, NC

Catherine Waldron | Family Medicine

*Memorial Health University Medical Center,
Savannah, GA*

Melanie Wanigatunga |

Internal Medicine - Primary Care
*Tulane University School of Medicine,
New Orleans, LA*

Jacob Warren | Internal Medicine

United States Naval Medical Center, San Diego, CA

Sara Wetzstein |

Transitional Year
Piedmont Athens Regional, Athens, GA

Ophthalmology

*University of Florida College of Medicine,
Gainesville, FL*

Zachary Williams | Radiology

*WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center,
Marietta, GA*
*Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center,
Winston-Salem, NC*

Carson Womack | Internal Medicine

Redmond Regional Medical Center, Rome, GA

Neha Zaer | Pediatrics

*University of Massachusetts Medical School,
Worcester, MA*

HONORS & AWARDS

Congratulations to the Mercer University School of Medicine students, faculty and staff for your outstanding accomplishments.

Student Awards

Arnold P Gold Foundation Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award

Travis Blanton **C**

Physician's Physician Award

Travis Blanton **C**

Agreen Hadadi **M**

Thomas Horton **S**

T. A. Sappington Award

Catherine Waldron **S**

Nathan Deal Scholars (*yellow cord*)

Morgan Castleberry **C**

Hannah Galloway **C**

Leanna Harbor **M**

Joshua Herndon **S**

Jacob Jay **S**

Andrew Odegaard **M**

Accelerated Track Scholars (*blue cord*)

Rachel Albrecht **M**

Terrell Jenrette **M**

Catherine Waldron **S**

Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society (*green/gold cord*)

Elected as Junior Students

Matthew Callier **C**

Randi Goldstein **S**

Shishir "Sunny" Gupta **S**

Thomas Horton **S**

Justin Little **S**

Austinn Miller **M**

Daniel O'Meara **S**

Michael Trainer **S**

Zachary Williams **S**

Elected as Senior Students

Sarah Byrd **M**

John Curcuru **S**

Dontre Douse **S**

Nicholas Drury **M**

Joshua Eskew **S**

W. Dolan Mitchell **C**

Jacqueline Neill **S**

Sawan Patel **C**

Robert Ruffo **S**

Farina Shafqat **M**

Gold Humanism Honor Society (*maroon cord*)

Vats Ambai **C**

Roy Anderson **S**

Kaylyn Bell **M**

Travis Blanton **C**

Jack Borkovich **M**

Dontre Douse **S**

Teresa Fowler **S**

Agreen Hadadi **M**

Leanna Harbor **M**

Salman Hashim **M**

Dabin Ji **S**

Nicole Mette **M**

Nathan Murphy **M**

Sophia Rashid **C**

Michael Trainer **S**

Neha Zaer **S**

C Columbus Campus
M Macon Campus
S Savannah Campus

Student Awards

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society (PKP medallions)

Matthew Callier **C**
Nicholas Drury **M**
Randi Goldstein **S**
Shishir “Sunny” Gupta **S**
Thomas Horton **S**
Justin Little **S**
Austinn Miller **M**
W. Dolan Mitchell **C**
Daniel O’Meara **S**
Michael Trainer **S**
Zachary Williams **S**

Ambassadors (orange cords)

Claudia Alvarado **S**
Aakriti Alisha Arora **M**
Roy Anderson **S**
Thomas Cole Baker **M**
Mitsy Barr **S**
Sarah Byrd **M**
Sarah Chason **S**
Charli Cohen **S**
Dabin Ji **S**
Naqeeb Farouqi **C**
Teresa Fowler **S**
Ayana Graham **M**
Leanna Harbor **M**
Lauren Lewis **M**
Justin Little **S**
Patrick McAlpin **M**
Matthew Monaco **M**
Jackie Neill **S**
Emily O’Brien **C**
Daniel O’Meara **S**
Jeffrey Tyler Reynolds **M**
Amanda Seibert **M**
Austin Thompson **S**
Jacob Warren **S**
Zack Williams **S**

Distinction in Service to the Community (green cords)

Travis Blanton **C**
Julia Chong **C**
Ryan Curcuru **S**
John Davis **S**
Teresa Fowler **S**
Hannah Galloway **C**
Randi Goldstein **S**
Ayana Graham **M**
Shishir “Sunny” Gupta **S**
Salman Hashim **M**
Thomas Horton **S**
Dabin Ji **S**
Tara Keil **S**
Morgan Lamb **S**
Lauren Lewis **M**
Ali Bobo McGowen **S**
William “Dolan” Mitchell **C**
Jack Montgomery **S**
Jackie Neill **S**
Emily O’Brien **C**
Michael Trainer **S**
Melanie Wanigatunga **M**
Neha Zaer **S**

Recognition of Military Graduates

Thomas Baker **M**
John Cook **M**
Julian Gendreau **S**
Thomas Harper **M**
Matthew Monaco **M**
Jacob Warren **S**

American Medical Women’s Association Glasgow-Rubin Award

Randi Goldstein **S**

Outstand Basic Science Student

Matt Callier **C**
Austinn Miller **M**
Michael Trainer **S**

Outstanding Community Medicine Student

Morgan Castleberry **C**
Tyler Reynolds **M**
Neha Zaer **S**

Outstanding Family Medicine Student

Travis Blanton **C**
Terrell Jenrette **M**
Catherine Waldron **S**

Outstanding Internal Medicine Student

Thomas Horton **S**
Sawan Patel **C**
Melanie Wanigatunga **M**

Outstanding Obstetric Student

Sarah Byrd **M**
Morgan Castleberry **C**
Sarah Chason **S**

Outstanding Pediatric Student

Hannah Galloway **C**
Leanna Harbor **M**
Taylor Johns **S**

Outstanding Psychiatric Student

Gus Scofield **C**
Farina Shafqat **M**
Robbie Svoboda **S**

Outstanding Surgery Student

Garrett Cole[†] **M**
Dontre Douse **S**
Nicholas Drury* **M**
W. Dolan Mitchell **C**

Primary Care Student Researcher of the Year

Kishan Patel **M**

[†] Will Sealy Award

* Joe Sam Robinson Award

Faculty Awards

Arnold P Gold Foundation Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award

Allen Tindol **M**

Hooders

D. Joe Eikelberry **C**

Natalie Hogan **S**

Balint Kacsóh **M**

James Majors **C**

Michael Wilkowsky **S**

Stephen Williams **M**

Outstanding Pre-Clinical Faculty

Jeff Ignatoff **S**

Balint Kacsóh **M**

Clerkship Director of the Year

Joseph Kramer **S**

James Majors **C**

Allen Tindol **M**

Outstanding Family Medicine Faculty

Vibhuti Ansar **C**

Dipesh Patel **M**

Bonzo Reddick **S**

Outstanding Internal Medicine Faculty

Hiren Shah **C**

Allen Tindol **M**

Michael Wilkowsky **S**

Outstanding Obstetric Faculty

H. Jay Davis **M**

D. Joe Eikelberry **C**

Anthony Royek **S**

Outstanding Pediatric Faculty

Barbara Brown **C**

Yameika Head **M**

Natalie Hogan **S**

Outstanding Psychiatry Faculty

Iveta Boyencheck **C**

Angela Hale **M**

Stephen Yost

Outstanding Surgery Faculty

Benji Christie **M**

James Majors **C**

Christopher Walls **S**

Resident Awards

Outstanding Family Medicine Resident

Natasha Arora **C**

Natalie Britt **S**

Hubert Pare **M**

Outstanding Internal Medicine Resident

Ian Cole **S**

Gregg Morgan **M**

Nina Paletta **S**

Outstanding Obstetric Resident

Lacey Eams **M**

Ralph Rogers **S**

Kayla Suma **S**

Outstanding Pediatric Resident

Jake Kirkpatrick **M**

Virginia Rahming **S**

Outstanding Psychiatry Resident

Brielle Marks **M**

Outstanding Surgery Resident

Lindsey Bridges **M**

Timothy Finnegan **S**

Kevin Timperman **S**

Staff Awards

Outstanding Clerkship Coordinator

Wendy Gaskin **M**

Outstanding Staff

Stan Daniels **S**

Misty Graham **S**

Chivon Gross **C**

Carolyn Klatt **S**

Bridget McDowell **M**



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