



MERCER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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CLASS OF 2025

**GRADUATE  
HOODING  
CEREMONY**

# GRADUATE HOODING CEREMONIES

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## **MASTER OF FAMILY THERAPY - ATLANTA**

Tuesday, April 29, 2025 | 2:00 PM

Atlanta Campus

## **MASTER OF SCIENCES, BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES & PRECLINICAL SCIENCES**

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 | 10:00 AM

Macon Campus

## **MASTER OF FAMILY THERAPY - MACON**

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## *Our Vision*

The grand challenges of rural health are resolved through education, research, and community engagement.

## *Our Mission*

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



Mercer University School of Medicine was established in 1982 to educate physicians and health professionals to meet the primary care and healthcare needs of rural, medically underserved areas in Georgia. Our graduate degree programs are offered on the Macon, Savannah, Columbus, and Atlanta campuses.



# Student Distinctions

## Honor Cords and Medallions

Cords and medallions are presented to students based on their academic achievement, military status, community service, or extracurricular involvements.

Academic Achievement .....	<i>Orange and Gold</i>
Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta Scholar .....	<i>Orange and Green</i>
Military/Veteran .....	<i>Red, White, and Blue</i>
MSPCS Academic Achievement.....	<i>Red</i>
The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi .....	<i>Royal Blue</i>

# Student Achievement

## Awards and Honor Societies

### PHI KAPPA PHI HONOR SOCIETY

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 to honor those students who had achieved the highest level of academic success regardless of academic discipline. The society was named Phi Kappa Phi from the letters of the Greek words forming its motto, Philosophía Krateítō Phōtôn, “Let the love of learning rule humanity.”

### MSBMS STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Selected by a committee of Biomedical Sciences faculty, this award recognizes a student who has demonstrated a high level of excellence in his or her field of research.

### MSPCS STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Chosen by the Preclinical Sciences program director, this award recognizes a student who displays critical thinking skills and demonstrates professionalism.

### MFT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Chosen by the Master of Family Therapy faculty, this award recognizes one student from Atlanta and one from Macon who exemplifies academic achievement and a commitment to clinical practice.

# Master of Family Therapy - Atlanta

† Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

## ORDER OF CEREMONY

### Procession

### Welcome

Alice House, MD, FAAFP  
*Senior Associate Dean, Student Affairs*

### Speaker Introduction

Alice House, MD, FAAFP

### Speaker Remarks

Adam Albrite, PhD, LMFT  
*Director, Family Therapy Program*  
*Associate Professor, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*

### Student Awards

Jetlexis Carlos, PhD  
*Associate Director, Family Therapy Program*  
*Associate Professor, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*

### Presentation of Hoods

Adam Albrite, PhD, LMFT  
Jetlexis Carlos, PhD  
Gabriela Jacob, PhD,  
*Assistant Professor, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences*

### Closing Remarks

Alice House, MD, FAAFP

### Recession



Julianne Abboud



Cheryl Andrea  
Jackson Bourne †



Christy L. Butler



Ajai Oladeji Craig



Isaiah Huston  
Crayton †



Khristie Natasha  
Jackson



Aditi Mitra



Vanessa Moore †



Alison Nicole  
Muraski



Kayli Jennifer  
Whiting †

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*Interim Chair, Biomedical Sciences Department  
Director, Biomedical Sciences Program  
Professor, Biomedical Sciences*

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James Drummond, PhD  
*Director, Preclinical Sciences Program  
Associate Professor, Biomedical Sciences*

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Christy Bridges, PhD  
Ali Gheidi, PhD  
*Assistant Professor, Biomedical Sciences*  
James Drummond, PhD  
Manish Mishra, PhD  
*Assistant Program Director, Preclinical Sciences Program  
Associate Professor, Biomedical Sciences*  
Angabin Matin, PhD  
*Associate Professor, Biomedical Sciences*

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**Ebonie Nicole Crittenden**

*Thesis: Role of Reactive Astrocytes and Activated Microglia by Sleep Interruption in the Onset of Sensorimotor Deficits in Mice*



**Louise Muriel Essimbi**

*Thesis: Characterizing Synaptic Inputs & Cell Morphology in the Inferior Colliculus of Fragile X Model Mice*



**Joseph Cornell Allston Gaines**

*Thesis: The Effect of Stress on the Noradrenergic Regulation of Fos Neuronal Ensembles and Implications on Reward Reinstatement*



**Robert C. Rudd**

*Thesis: The effect of noradrenergic excitation in the prefrontal cortex and its effects on cue-induced reward seeking and fos ensembles*

# Master of Science

## Preclinical Sciences



Pauline Gradia  
Bemah



Sarah Marie  
Bom-Crocker



Kate Margaret  
Chapman



Nicholas Munro  
Couch



Jessica Paresh Patel



Ashley Nicole  
Penalbert



Pranav R. Putta



Brayton Reza  
Rahimi



Katherine Milagros  
De Los Santos



Sydney Faith  
Ertzberger



Shepherd Perry  
Hancock



Albert Farah Johary, Jr.



Austin Matthew  
Salmanzadeh



Darius Elias Scott



Minchan Shim



Avinash Singh



Kaylee Nicole  
Komyati



Kamryn Marlow



Shreya Piyush  
Mehta



Lizbeth Flores  
Mendez



Emma Helen Stewart



Samuel E. Stewart



Graciela Marie  
Surratt



Melissa  
Tchomtchoua Nwafo



Robert Ashton  
Moorman



Maryam Nadeem



Neil S. Nariani



Charmi Sanjay Patel



Emma Payton  
Williams



Duke Davis  
Wodetzki



Amit Subash Yadav

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Nakita Carroll, PhD  
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Kaley Elise  
Estelle Barber †



Rita McCraine  
Boling



Sarah Asbury  
Causey †



Alan Leroy Deleon



Marci J. Gallagher †



Ma'Nesia Jacobi  
Jones-Lynch



Mikayla Metts  
Nunnally †



Lakeshie Q.  
Robinson



Mitchell David  
Schumacher



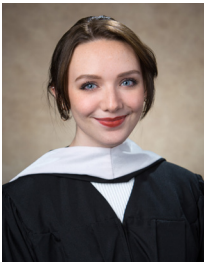
Haley Michael  
Troup †



Dianyssha Allyah  
Varfley



Haley Madison  
Waters †



Kathryn O'Quinn  
Williams †



Brittany Ray Wise †

