

Class of 2030

Matriculation Ceremony
&
Gold Humanism Honor Society
Induction Ceremony

Friday, July 24, 2026
Boettcher Commons
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School of Medicine

Welcome

*Jeffrey SooHoo, MD, MBA
Associate Dean, Admissions and Student Affairs*

Introduction of Alumni

*Michael Carius, MD '73
President, CU Medical Alumni Association*

Remarks & Introduction of Department Chairs

*John H. Sampson, MD, PhD, MBA
Vice Chancellor, Health Affairs
Dean, School of Medicine*

Keynote Address

*Arun Kannappan, MD
Associate Professor, Medicine*

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*Steven Lowenstein, MD, MPH
Professor Emeritus/Adjoint Professor, Emergency Medicine and Medicine*

*David Ecker, MD
Director, Pre-Clerkship Curriculum (Plains)
Associate Dean, Medical Education*

Gratitude Journal Presentation

*Allison Leigh, Class of 2027
David Alexander, Class of 2027*

White Coat / Stethoscope Ceremony

*Nida Awadallah, MD
Assistant Dean, Student Affairs*

*Tyler Coyle, MD, MS
Assistant Dean, Admissions*

*Brian Dwinnell, MD
Associate Dean, Student Affairs*

*Elizabeth Gundersen, MD
Assistant Dean, Student Affairs*

*Maurice "Scotty" Scott, MD
Assistant Dean, Student Affairs*

*Deborah Seymour, Psy.D
Assistant Dean, Student Success*

Honor Statement

*Shanta M. Zimmer, MD
Executive Vice Dean, Medical Education*

Platform Party

Department Chairs

Yuri Agrawal, MD – Otolaryngology
Vik Bebart, MD – Emergency Medicine
Evalina Burger, MD – Orthopedics
Vineet Chopra, MD – Medicine
Stephen Daniels, MD – Pediatrics
Marco Del Chiaro, MD – Surgery
Saketh Guntupalli, MD – Obstetrics & Gynecology

Ihab Kamel, MD – Radiology
M. Scott Lucia, MD – Pathology
Naresh Mandava, MD – Ophthalmology
Chad Pearson, MD – Cell and Developmental Biology
Lori Prok, MD – Dermatology
Joseph Sakai, MD – Psychiatry
Ken Tyler, MD – Neurology

Deans

Suzanne Brandenburg, MD
Associate Dean, Education
Amira del Pino-Jones, MD
Associate Dean, Health Opportunities
and Professional Engagement

Christie Reimer, MD
Assistant Dean Medical Education –
Fort Collins Branch
Chad Stickrath, MD Associate Dean, Education

Alumni

Dr. Mark Goncalves, class of 1982
Dr. Bruce Waring, class of 1987
Dr. Mark Robinson, class of 2002
Dr. William Maniatis, class of 1965

Dr. Joseph Ozaki, class of 1969
Dr. Douglas Scott, class of 1981
Dr. Linda Williams, class of 1984
Dr. Clara Winter, class of 1965

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Chidera Agwu	Nathaniel Fitch	Aryn Samantha Dalmacion Layno
Amar Alic	Morgan Fletemeyer	Bogdan Lazurenko
Emilia Alton Martelet	Jessica Rose Forsyth	Toby Lee
Shriya Maanya Amara	Isaac Cooper Freehling	Michael Li
Martino An	William Gerash	Catalina Magaña
Leyla Anwar	Kaitlyn Tessa Glover	Benjamin Malek
Michele Baloneque Siqueira	Emily Glynn	Emerson Martin
Prasanga Barakoti	Justine Rea Goldblatt	Jacob Dean Matityahu
Jaedyn Birchmier	Raquel Gorman	Morgan Matous
Gianni Bonnici	Chandler Kyle Groskopf	Isabella Louise Mattingly
Dylan Ziemer Boyes	Aditya Gupta	Ellie Kay McCluey
Amaneet Brar	Victoria Lynn Gutierrez	Camden Lawrence Cure McFarland
Benjamin Brenner	Maddie Halabi	Kylie Johna Metcalf
Cheyenne Burd	Morgan K. Hampton	Katelyn Morgan Miller
Jackie Cai	Leartha Hasangjekaj	Jack Moore
Quintin Callicoatt	Amanda Henry	Kendall Mueller
JP Castillo	Jonathan Hoerner	Logan E. Murphy
Odalís Castro	Anne Holleman	Sophia Murray
Manasvi Chandra	Catherine Hommel	Sindhu Nama
Ryan Le-Shiang Chang	Ian Christopher Horswill	Michelle Melody Nazareth
Meghana Cheela	Timothy Hutama	Zack Nepomnashy
Daniel X. Chen	Unni Isaksen	Andrew Nguyen
Jonathan Cheng	Ishaan Iyer	Dien Thinh Nguyen
Nicholas Chiang	Ansh Jain	Jeanne Nguyen
Cy Chittenden	Sophia Jauniskis	Nathan Nguyen
Hannah L. Ciani-Calomeris	Spencer Jezek	Anushi Nigam
Arike Coker	Joshua John	Jaedyn Nishiya
Jamie Cole	Andrea Johnson	Daniel Aaron Oesterle
Maggie Dell Cornelius	Ashley Johnson	Jordan Parker-Ashe
Kyle Michael D'Ambrosio	Emma Marie Judge	Celeste Penney
Mohona Datta	Dana Kaddoura	Khanh Pham
Shaurya Naynesh Dave	Ethan Kahn	Katie Pickrell
Jack Davidson	Aylin Kahraman	Marcus R. Pina
Peter Deckerman	Abigail Keefover	David Pousma
Isabell Victoria Deem	Laurel Morgan Kelly	John Jack Leon Powers
Valentina Del Chiaro	Natalie Keung	Shannon Powers
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Kyle Riding	Jenna Rose Smith	Corinne Vasiloff
Andreina Lynn Rodoni	Jack Edward Snyder	Ivy TuongVan Vo
Andrew Saddler	Vincent Philip Stahel	Laura Wan
Jonathan Evan Sagel	Desiree Starzyk	Kitty Wang
Inderbir Sandhu	Karyssa Stonick	Xingyan Wang
Rean Savi	Zachary Stughar	Rowan Waring
Monisha Saxena	Karli Siera Swenson	Drew Wengrovitz
Dylan Michael Schmitt	Christopher Tan	Graham Whiting
Rajendranath Selagamsetty	Nathan Joseph Teynor	Amy Elizabeth Whitsell
Meiwen Shao	Noah Thompson	Adabelle Wright
Vanshika Sharma	Will Thrush	Zoe Wynter
Kerri Sheehy	Megan M. Tidd	Arsalan Zaki
Dylan Shin	Haylee Tilley	Isa Zhou
Alysia Shiroma	Joshua Torres	

Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductees

David Alexander	Julia Fontana	Neya Manavalan
Rebecca Altshuler	Delaney Fouts	Melanie Mandell
Gabriela Ares	Emma Greenberg	Madeleine Mason
Noon Awad	Heinrich Haller	Madeline Ng
Kori Baker	Anna Hasche-Kluender	Jun Bai Park Chang
Roopa Bhat	Haaris Kadri	Ekshika Patel
Katelyn Brown	Oula Kareem	Shruti Patel
Tamara Corely	Charlotte Kwong	Paul Rastrelli
Catherine Dunn	Madeline Labor	Selma Sabra
Brent Edwards	Benjamin Langreck	William Ton
CJ Ernstrom	Allison Leigh	Yan Zhou
Kendall Hawkes Ferrara	Skylar List	

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David Alexander

David Alexander is a fourth-year medical student applying into psychiatry residency this coming cycle. He volunteers as a pianist for Moving Through Parkinson's, a music and movement class, and for the Fight the Stigma Music Festival in Northern Colorado. Outside of medicine, he is a home kombucha brewer perpetually chasing the perfect flavor.

Rebecca Altshuler

Rebecca is originally from Los Angeles and is passionate about women's health, addiction medicine, and advancing language equity in healthcare. She plans to pursue a career in emergency medicine, where she hopes to provide compassionate care to underserved communities and patients from all walks of life.

Noon Awad

Inspired by the richness of human diversity and a passion for global health and health equity, Noon hopes to pursue a career in plastic and reconstructive surgery focused on expanding access to reconstructive care for underserved communities. She has cultivated these interests through the Global Health Track and her work with Team Heart, a nonprofit expanding cardiovascular care in Rwanda, and hopes to lead a career defined by compassion, humility, and service.

Kori Baker

Kori is an aspiring OBGYN with a passion for health equity, mentorship, and compassionate care. She is proud of her work advancing medical student pathways and quality improvement in gynecologic healthcare access. As a future physician and dual-degree student in aerospace engineering, Kori is committed to pushing the boundaries of medicine while advocating for reproductive justice and inclusive practice.

Roopa Bhat

Originally from rural New Hampshire, Roopa is pursuing a career in general surgery and is passionate about reducing cancer care disparities for underserved communities. She is especially proud of founding medical student clinics in rural Colorado jails during her longitudinal integrated clerkship. In her career, she hopes to help redefine what high-quality surgical care looks like for rural communities.

Katelyn Brown

Katelyn is excited to pursue family medicine with a focus on community advocacy. She is particularly passionate about supporting underserved populations and hopes to focus on addiction medicine in the future.

Tamara Corley

Tamara is a dual Doctor of Medicine/Master of Public Health student pursuing a career in obstetrics and gynecology with a focus on maternal health and global public health. She is proud to volunteer at the DAWN Clinic and plans to combine medicine and public health to improve reproductive health in communities locally and globally.

Catherine Dunn

Catherine is pursuing family medicine, driven by a belief that preventative medicine and primary care are essential to building healthier communities. Before medical school, she volunteered as an EMT, igniting a commitment to service that continues through her work with CU Street Medicine, where she provides care and resources to unhoused individuals in the Denver area. Catherine hopes to carry these values into a career centered on community engagement and meeting patients where they are.

Brent Edwards

Brent is originally from Littleton, Colorado and is planning on pursuing a career in internal medicine. Brent is passionate about improving healthcare for vulnerable communities with the long-term goal of being a primary care physician for the underserved.

Kendall Hawkes Ferrara

Kendall strives for compassionate patient care, believing that sitting with a patient and making them feel human is one of medicine's greatest treatments. She is proud to have started DAWN's student-run psychiatry clinic, expanding access to mental health care for Aurora's underserved community members. Kendall hopes to become a reproductive psychiatrist, drawn to the gap in mental health care during reproductive transitions and the privilege of walking with women through vulnerable moments.

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Julia Fontana

Julia is pursuing a career in Internal Medicine and is passionate about caring for underserved communities, medical education, and mentorship. Through her work at DAWN Free Clinic and mentoring fellow medical students, she has developed a deep appreciation for compassionate, patient-centered care and hopes to build a career as a clinician, educator, and advocate.

Delaney Fouts

Delaney is committed to advancing patient care through meaningful engagement with her community, mentorship, and medical education. She plans to pursue a career in internal medicine, where she hopes to integrate the education of future physicians with clinical practice while advocating for equitable, community-centered care.

Heinrich Haller

Heinrich is pursuing a career in psychiatry and is passionate about building meaningful relationships with patients while advocating for individuals facing barriers to mental health care. His experiences volunteering at the DAWN Psychiatry Clinic and working on rural behavioral health initiatives have strengthened his belief that compassion and curiosity are at the heart of exceptional patient care.

Anna Hasche-Kluender

Originally from Washington state, Anna hopes to use her MD/PhD to integrate medicine and laboratory research as a physician-scientist. She plans to pursue internal medicine and translational research in microbiology and aims to prioritize patient-centered care in both her clinical practice and scientific inquiry.

Haaris Kadri

Originally from the Bay Area, Haaris Kadri is looking forward to pursuing a career in general surgery, with a focus on ensuring equitable access to surgical care for historically underserved communities. He is passionate about this work both through research and in developing clear, accessible educational materials for surgical patients. He hopes to carry this commitment into practice, whether in clinic, at the bedside, or in the operating room.

Oula Kareem

As the daughter of two immigrant physicians, Oula strives to carry forward her family's legacy of service while drawing strength from the hardships that have shaped her own journey. As a future physician, Oula strives to bring compassion and presence while caring for patients and their families during some of the most vulnerable moments of their lives.

Charlotte Kwong

Charlotte is from Hong Kong and plans to apply to neurology residency in a few months. She is particularly excited about providing patient-centered care and advocating for patients on the public policy level, which started during her undergrad year majoring in politics and then attended a conference in D.C. during first year of medical school advocating for patients on the state level.

Madeline Labor

I am pursuing a career in orthopedic surgery with a passion for rural medicine, mentorship, and building meaningful relationships with patients. I hope to practice with the belief that compassion and technical excellence are inseparable. My hope is that patients remember the moments of trust and connection long after the incision has healed.

Ben Langreck

Ben is a fourth-year medical student pursuing psychiatry, with a strong interest in caring for individuals affected by homelessness, substance use, and incarceration. He is proud of the relationships he has built with people facing these challenges through his work in community settings and hopes to dedicate his career to those whom medicine has most often overlooked.

Allison Leigh

Allison Leigh is originally from Alaska and went on to play volleyball for Quinnipiac University before pursuing a masters in global health in London. She is pursuing a career in psychiatry, with the goal of pursuing a fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

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Skylar List

Skylar grew up in Arlington, Virginia and is pursuing a career at the intersection of primary care and psychiatry, with a particular focus on rural access to care. She is passionate about understanding patients within the full context of their life experiences, culture, and community, and hopes to build a career grounded in relational, longitudinal care.

Neya Manavalan

Neya was born right here in Aurora and is passionate about LGBTQ issues as well as women's and children's health. She is excited to continue her advocacy journey as a future Pediatric Hospitalist!

Melanie Mandell

Melanie is pursuing a career in Obstetrics and Gynecology and is especially passionate about reproductive choice and providing patient-centered care. She recently completed her Masters in Public Health with the Colorado School of Public Health.

Madeleine Mason

Madeleine is honored to join GHHS. She takes great pride in serving underserved communities through the DAWN Clinic, conducting research on substance use in Alaska Native youth, and exploring trauma-informed care for women undergoing emergency obstetric/gynecologic ultrasounds in the Emergency Department. These experiences have deepened her commitment to humanism in medicine and she looks forward to carrying that commitment into her career as an emergency physician.

Madeline Ng

Madeline grew up in Colorado and is proud to have been part of both the Colorado Springs LIC branch and the Mission Medical Clinic throughout her time in medical school. She is applying to OBGYN for residency and looks forward to expanding her commitment to medical education and community engagement this year.

Jun Bai Park Chang

Jun, originally from Mexico, is pursuing a career in internal medicine with a deep dedication to equitable healthcare. Driven by a commitment to health advocacy, he looks forward to serving his community by building trusting, compassionate relationships at the bedside and providing dedicated care to Spanish-speaking patients.

Shruti Patel

Originally from the suburbs of Philadelphia, Shruti is pursuing a career in internal medicine. She is highly passionate about medical education, aiming for a career where teaching and mentorship take center stage. Her dedication to medicine is deeply rooted in community service and a lifelong commitment to providing equitable care to under-resourced communities.

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Ekshika Patel

Ekshika is a fourth-year medical student passionate about integrating the arts, humanities, and community engagement into medicine. She has been active in the Bioethics and Humanities Group, hosts a student-run campus podcast called *In the Vein*, teaches health education classes for people in transitional housing, and leads a storytelling project for senior citizens. Outside of medical school, she loves to do yoga, cook new recipes, and travel with friends.

Paul Rastrelli

During med school, I've been most fulfilled by my involvement in Doctors Against Genocide. I've found a community of the most inspiring physician leaders who refuse to remain silent in the face of global atrocities, most notably the US-backed Israeli genocide of Palestinians in Gaza. Witnessing their deep moral courage has revitalized my commitment to medicine, and I hope to cultivate my own throughout my career.

Gabriela Rosa

Gaby is a fourth-year medical student currently completing a research year in otolaryngology. She is passionate about compassionate, patient-centered care, mentoring future healthcare professionals, and advocating for underserved communities, and she hopes to carry these values into her future career as a physician.

Selma Sabra

Selma grew up in Brazil and is pursuing a career in pediatrics. She is passionate about serving children and their families by breaking down language barriers, fostering community engagement, and ensuring every patient and family feels heard and empowered.

William Ton

Will is originally from Parker, Colorado, and is pursuing a career in anesthesiology. Throughout medical school, he has been dedicated to serving the unhoused population of Northern Colorado through his work with the Street Medicine Coalition in Fort Collins.

Yan Zhou

Yan Zhou is pursuing the Emerging Physician-Scientist Program studying pediatric brain tumors under the mentorship of Dr. Todd Hankinson, who has been an inspiring role model instrumental in her growth. Yan aspires to become an academic neurosurgeon who integrates scientific innovation with a humanistic approach to provide patient-centered care.



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