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HERBERT WERTHEIM COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

INAUGURAL
CONVOCAATION

APRIL 29, 2013





Dear Graduates of 2013:

On behalf of President Rosenberg, Provost Wartzok, and the entire faculty and staff, I am honored to congratulate you on becoming the first class to graduate from Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine. Graduating from medical school is a momentous achievement and an important step in your personal and professional development. Regardless of the path you follow, I am confident that you will touch lives—even save lives—and bring excellence to whatever endeavors you pursue.

I especially want to thank you, the members of our inaugural class, for entrusting FIU HWCOM with the task of teaching, training, mentoring, and guiding you through these first tentative steps of our college's development. We recognize in you the same pioneering spirit that has driven the creation of our new college of medicine at FIU, and we appreciate your willingness to take the challenge with us. These past four years have been an exciting journey with many important milestones:

- We launched our new medical school and embarked on the first full cycle of our innovative medical education program.
- We achieved each step in the accreditation process in the shortest time possible, achieving full accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education in February 2013.
- We forged alliances with numerous health care organizations throughout South Florida and are already seeing positive changes in households and communities involved in our Green Family Foundation NeighborhoodHELP™ initiatives.
- We conducted our first “Match Day Ceremony” on March 15, 2013, during which each of you revealed where you will be completing your medical residency—the next phase in your medical education training.

Now, as we celebrate your accomplishments in this inaugural graduation ceremony, I would like to reiterate the sentiments of Sir William Osler, a Canadian physician and one of the “Big Four” founding professors at Johns Hopkins Hospital:

“The hardest conviction to get into the mind of a beginner is that the education upon which he[she]is engaged is not a college course, not a medical course, but a life course, for which the work of a few years under teachers is but a preparation.”

I hope that you will embody this spirit of lifelong learning, continually striving to improve the quality of health care and discovering and advancing medically relevant knowledge.

Congratulations!

John A. Rock, MD

Founding Dean and Senior Vice President for Health Affairs

Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine

Convocation Program

PROCESSIONAL	Saint Andrew's Pipe Band of Miami
GRAND MARSHAL	C. Delano Gray <i>Chair, Faculty Senate</i>
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STUDENT MARSHALS	Heidi von Harscher, Ph.D. <i>Director of Counseling and Wellness</i> Jeffry Biehler, M.D. <i>Chair, Department of Pediatrics, Assistant Dean for Education, Pediatric Clerkship Director</i>
CONVENER	John A. Rock, M.D. <i>Dean, Senior Vice President for Health Affairs</i>
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER	Dan Hardin, D.M.A. <i>Music Librarian and Organist</i> Sarah Payne <i>Junior, Voice Performance, College of Architecture + The Arts</i>
INVOCATION	Lesley A. Northup, Ph.D. <i>Dean, The Honors College</i>
INTRODUCTIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS	Douglas Wartzok, Ph.D. <i>Provost & Executive Vice President</i>
REMARKS	Mark B. Rosenberg, Ph.D. <i>President</i> Modesto A. Maidique, Ph.D. <i>President Emeritus</i> Herbert A. Wertheim, O.D., D.Sc. <i>Founding Chairman and Trustee Emeritus</i>
INTRODUCTION OF CONVOCATION SPEAKER	Sanford Markham, M.D. <i>Executive Associate Dean for Student Affairs</i>

CONVOCATION ADDRESS	Paul B. Rothman, M.D. <i>Dean, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine</i>
STUDENT HONORS	J. Patrick O'Leary, M.D. <i>Executive Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs</i>
PRESENTATION OF SENIOR CLASS GIFT	Robert Dollinger, M.D. <i>Assistant Dean for Student Affairs</i> Patricio Lau, M.D. <i>President, Class of 2013</i>
INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER	Eneida Roldan, M.D. <i>Assistant Dean for Student Affairs</i>
STUDENT ADDRESS	Anupama Kotha, M.D. <i>Class of 2013</i>
PRESENTATION OF DOCTOR OF MEDICINE DEGREES	Joe Leigh Simpson, M.D. <i>Chair, Department of Human & Molecular Genetics</i>

Presentation of Hoods and Diplomas

NARRATOR	Robert L. Hernandez, M.D. <i>Associate Dean for Student Affairs</i>
HOODS	Carolyn D. Runowicz, M.D. <i>Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs</i> George Dambach, Ph.D. <i>Associate Dean for Curriculum and Medical Education</i> Karin Esposito, M.D., Ph.D. <i>Associate Dean for Academic Advising</i> David Graham, M.D. <i>Associate Dean for Clinical Medical Education</i>
DIPLOMAS	Sanford M. Markham, M.D. <i>Executive Associate Dean for Student Affairs</i>
ADMINISTRATION OF PHYSICIAN'S OATH	Fernando Valverde, M.D. <i>Associate Dean for Community and Clinical Affairs</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	John A. Rock, M.D. <i>Dean, Senior Vice President for Health Affairs</i>
RECESSIONAL	Dan Hardin, D.M.A. <i>Music Librarian and Organist</i>

The History of Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine

Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine arose from a community need for access to medical education and a projected critical shortage of physicians in the state and nationwide. In March 2006, the Florida Board of Governors of the State University System of Florida approved FIU's plans for establishing a college of medicine. In May 2006, the state legislature of Florida authorized the creation of the new college and immediately thereafter FIU began to develop an innovative, 21st century approach to health care and medical education. In the fall of 2006, FIU selected John A. Rock, MD, MSPH, as founding dean and senior vice president for medical affairs of its new college of medicine.

In April 2007, the college submitted its application for preliminary accreditation to the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). The application described a four-year curriculum plan that forgoes the traditional pattern of two years of basic science followed by two years of clinical training and instead integrates clinical and basic science over the entire four-year medical education experience. The program is anchored by a set of competency expectations with core clinical conditions and clinical skills required for every student. The program is a continuum of advancing complexity of study with a formal curriculum in professional development and one-on-one student-physician interaction in a variety of health care settings throughout South Florida. A required research component fosters a spirit of inquiry and supports the missions of the college and its parent university. A service-learning program, NeighborhoodHELP™, fosters cultural competence and interdisciplinary teamwork, immersing medical students and students from other disciplines into select South Florida neighborhoods to advance individual and community health. The college received preliminary accreditation from the LCME in February 2008, allowing the school to prepare to accept its inaugural class of students in the fall of 2009.

Since its inception, the college has completed each step of the accreditation process in the shortest time possible, achieving full accreditation from the LCME in February 2013. With enrollments of 43, 43, 82, and 120 students in 2009 through 2012, respectively, the college is on target to reach planned full capacity of 480 students by 2015. In 2011, the university's faculty group practice, "FIU Health," opened a state-of-the-art facility on the FIU Modesto A. Maidique campus, expanding FIU Health's services and hours of operation to serve the health care needs of the community. A second FIU Health facility opened at Broward Health Medical Center in February 2013, and additional sites are in development.

On March 15, 2013, Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine celebrated its first Match Day, with all 33 graduating medical students matching to one of their chosen residencies. On April 29, 2013, convocation ceremonies for the inaugural class mark the culmination of the first full cycle of the Doctor of Medicine degree program at Florida International University.



Herbert Wertheim O.D., DSc
Founding Chairman Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine
Trustee Emeritus Florida International University
Chairman and CEO, Brain Power Incorporated

Dr. Herbert A. Wertheim is an inventor, educator, scientist, eye physician, clinician, entrepreneur, philanthropist and community leader. Dr. Wertheim's enduring discoveries and contributions in eye care and other scientific fields have touched millions during his forty years of patient care and eye research. He and his research team have been granted more than 100 patents, copyrights and trademarks.

Dr. Wertheim founded Brain Power Incorporated (BPI) over 40 years ago. BPI is the world's largest manufacturer of ophthalmic instruments and chemicals for eye care professionals and optical laboratories, with extensive research and manufacturing facilities in the US and Europe. For many years he had a clinical practice specializing in Visual Neurology and Optometry at the University Eye and Medical Center in Coral Gables, Florida. Dr. Wertheim was a distinguished lecturer in Physiological Optics and Optometry at the world-renowned Bascom Palmer Eye Institute and Adjunct Professor of Physics in the graduate program at the University of Miami. He also served as director of the University of Tennessee Medical School Computer Center, directing more than forty programmers and researchers.

Dr. Wertheim is a graduate of Brevard Community College and the University of Florida, where he studied electrical and computer engineering. He also received a B.S. in optical engineering and a Doctor of Optometry degree from the Southern College of Optometry in association with the University of Tennessee Medical School. Dr. Wertheim was awarded the Doctor of Science, honoris causa, from FIU for his distinguished scientific and clinical discoveries. He has completed post graduate studies at Stanford University, London School of Economics, Northwestern University, Harvard and IMD in Switzerland. He is also a member of University of Florida Blue Key.

More than 35 years ago, Dr. Wertheim was the first to publicize and stress to eye care professionals the prevention of cataracts and the management of other retinal pathology. He emphasized the fact that UV light was a contributing cause of cataracts and retinal deterioration. Dr. Wertheim's invention of UV-400 absorbers for eyeglasses as well as other discoveries have been beneficial in reducing cataracts as well as other eye pathologies.

Dr. Wertheim has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors and Board member of the FIU Foundation from 1988 through 2001. He is a founding member of the FIU Board of Trustees and served as chairman and vice chairman of the University's most successful Capital Campaign, which raised more than 200 million dollars.

As chairman of FIU's Academic Affairs Committee, he conceived, initiated and won the approval of the University's Trustees for the Medical College and was asked to chair the Medical College Initiative. In May 2009, he and the Dr. Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Family Foundation made a twenty million dollar contribution that becomes forty million with state matching funds to establish multiple endowments. They support student scholarships, research fellows, leadership lectures, medical community advancement, and eight endowed chairs for the Medical College. In June 2009, the FIU Board of Trustees named the college the "Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine" in his honor and named him Founding Chairman of the College of Medicine and Trustee Emeritus of the University.

In 2011 He was awarded the Horatio Alger Distinguished American Medal of Honor for his lifetime accomplishments in business and philanthropy.

Dr. Wertheim has served as chairman of the Dr. Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Family Foundation since 1977. It has supported hundreds of local and international educational, sporting and community health care organizations around the world with millions of dollars in financial aid grants.

Convocation Speaker



Paul B. Rothman, M.D.
CEO Johns Hopkins Medicine
Vice President for Medicine, The Johns Hopkins University
Medical Faculty Dean, The Johns Hopkins University

Paul B. Rothman is the Frances Watt Baker, M.D., and Lenox D. Baker Jr., M.D. Dean of the Medical Faculty, vice president for medicine of The Johns Hopkins University, and CEO of Johns Hopkins Medicine. He is the 14th dean of the School of Medicine and the second CEO of Johns Hopkins Medicine.

As dean/CEO, Rothman oversees both the Johns Hopkins Health System and the School of Medicine. A rheumatologist and molecular immunologist, Rothman came to Hopkins in July 2012 after having served as dean of the Carver College of Medicine at the University of Iowa and leader of its clinical practice plan since 2008. Previously, he served as head of internal medicine at the University of Iowa, beginning in 2004, and prior to that as vice chairman for research and founding director of the Division of Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care Medicine at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, where he joined the faculty in 1986.

A 1980 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Rothman earned his medical degree from Yale University in 1984. He then trained at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center and accepted a postdoctoral fellowship at Columbia University prior to joining its medical school faculty.

During his six-year tenure as chief of pulmonary, allergy and critical care medicine at Columbia, Rothman built new clinical programs, expanded the faculty from 12 to 40 and increased clinical revenues and research funding 15-fold. As a researcher both at Columbia and at Iowa, he has investigated the signaling pathways in cells required for allergic immune response and cancer, and he has excelled in extending his basic science discoveries into insights that have advanced patient care.

As head of internal medicine at Iowa, Rothman substantially expanded that department's financial reserves, recruited new divisional leaders, thereby increasing the faculty to a record 230, added clinical programs, launched programs to enhance diversity and mentor young faculty, and oversaw the launch of an interdepartmental heart and vascular center, and an organ transplant center.

During his four years as dean, he recruited outstanding departmental leaders from across the country, collaborated on the development of a mission-based budget model and a strategic plan for the academic medical center, and stabilized the medical college's finances despite cuts in state support.

He also initiated an overhaul of the medical curriculum, enhanced the medical college's diversity programs, and worked successfully with other deans and university leadership on innovative, interdisciplinary research and education initiatives.

Senior Class Gift



Daniel Castellanos, Ph.D.

As its Senior Class Gift, the Inaugural Class of 2013 has donated \$2000 toward the Daniel A. Castellanos, Ph.D. Memorial Fund, established by Victoria Castellanos in her husband's memory.

Beloved by the students, Dr. Castellanos is fondly remembered for his boundless energy, positive attitude, caring nature, exceptional teaching skills, and inspirational leadership as a founding faculty member of the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine.

Daniel Castellanos was born in 1960 in Cuba and immigrated to the United States at an early age. He grew up in Brooklyn, NY with his parents Walter and Migdalia. A gifted student, he earned a B.S. in Biology from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, and an M.S. in Biology from the University of Nebraska. He was later awarded a Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences & Physiology at Creighton.

Dr. Castellanos joined the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis in 1999 where he progressed from a senior research associate, to a post-doctoral fellow, and finally an assistant scientist. An outstanding scientist, he produced a significant body of scholarly work with a focus on neural stem cell transplantation. During his career he presented numerous scientific abstracts, published many peer-reviewed publications and co-authored a book chapter on cell transplantation. Among his many honors and awards, he received several Travel Awards for Meritorious Research from the American Society for Neural Transplantation and Repair. He served as an active member of the American Society for Neural Transplantation and Repair, the Society for Neuroscience, and the National Neurotrauma Society. His advocacy for individuals who had suffered spinal cord injury was unwavering. He volunteered countless hours to a number of community organizations, and held the positions of President of the Board of Directors of the Broward Center for Independent Living, and President and Chair of the Executive Committee for the Western IA Spinal Cord Injury Association.

In 2002, his love for teaching led Dr. Castellanos to join Florida International University, where he initially served as an adjunct professor in Clinical Physiology for Health Professionals. His efforts were soon recognized when he received the Adjunct Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award. In 2008, he joined the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Cellular Biology and Pharmacology. His passion for medical education and his advocacy for students were limitless. He contributed to the development of the college's innovative curriculum, was appointed the first Chairman of the HWCOCOM Admissions Committee, and served as the Course Director for the Human Structure and Function course. In recognition of his value to the medical degree program, he was invited to join the administration 2009, becoming the Assistant Dean for Curriculum and Medical Education.

Dan was immensely loved by the students, his peers and his many friends. He will forever hold a special place in the hearts of the inaugural Class of 2013.

Class of 2013 Graduates



Hanadys Ale, M.D.
Pediatrics – Miami Children’s Hospital,
Miami, FL

Florida International University, BS in Biology
Miami-Dade College, AA in Biology



Tanya Bogle, M.D.
Family Medicine – University of South
Florida Morsani College of Medicine, Tampa, FL

University of Florida, BS in Microbiology
University of Florida, AA in Microbiology



Trine Linn Engebretsen, M.D.
General Surgery – Medical Center of Central
Georgia Mercer University SOM, Macon, GA

Barry University, MS in Biomedical Science
University of Miami, BS in Biology



Joao C. Fontoura, M.D.
Medicine-Pediatrics – University of South
Florida Morsani College of Medicine,
Tampa, FL

Brigham Young University, BS in Biology
Seminole Community College, AA



Michael Christopher Hann, M.D.
Psychiatry – Navy Medical Center, San Diego, CA
Florida International University, MBA in
Healthcare
Middle Tennessee State University,
MS in Biotechnology
University of California – St. Barbara,
BS in Biochemistry



Kailee A. Imperatore, M.D.
Pathology – Mount Sinai Medical Center,
Miami, FL

University of Florida, BA in Anthropology



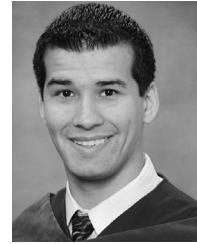
Dillon Elijah A. Arango, M.D.
Orthopedic Surgery – Albert Einstein
Healthcare Network Program, Philadelphia, PA

Florida International University,
BA in Chemistry



Alexander Javier Bolanos, M.D.
Internal Medicine – University of Florida
COM, Shands Hospital, Gainesville, FL

University of Florida, BS in Biochemistry
University of Florida, BS in Economics



Nicholas Charles Figueroa, M.D.
Surgery-Preliminary – Mount Sinai Medical
Center, Miami, FL

University of Florida, BS in Microbiology



Mary Minge Garland, M.D.
General Surgery – Wake Forest Baptist Medical
Center Winston, Salem, NC

University of Virginia-Main Campus,
BA in Mathematics and Psychology



Eric Heckert, M.D.
Emergency Medicine – Florida Hospital
Medical Center, Orlando, FL

University of Central Florida,
MS in Molecular Biology
University of Central Florida,
BS in Molecular Biology and Microbiology



Anupama Kotha, M.D.
Obstetrics-Gynecology – Case Western Reserve
Univ/MetroHealth Medical Center, Cleveland, OH

University of South Florida,
MS in Molecular Medicine
Duke University, BA in Public Policy



Edilberto Benitez, M.D.
Internal Medicine – Cleveland Clinic Florida,
Weston, FL

Florida International University, BS in Biology
Miami-Dade College, AA in Biology



Daniel Alexander Castellanos, M.D.
Pediatrics – Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles,
Los Angeles, CA

University of Notre Dame, BS in Biochemistry



Miguel Angel Flores, M.D.
Medicine-Preliminary – Mount Sinai Medical
Center, Miami, FL
Radiology-Diagnostic –Florida Hospital
Medical Center, Orlando, FL

University of Florida, BS in Neuroscience



Gillian Trinette Mananza Generoso, M.D.
Internal Medicine – New York Hospital
Medical Center of Queens/Cornell University
Medical College, Flushing, NY

Rutgers University, BA in Genetics



Boris Dimitrov Hristov, M.D.
General Surgery – Brookdale University
Hospital & Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

Cornell University, BA in Biochemistry and
Economics



Anisha Kshetrapal, M.D.
General Surgery – Thomas Jefferson University,
Philadelphia, PA

University of Florida, BA in Biology and
Political Science

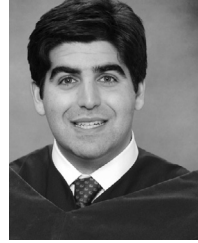
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Patricio Ernesto Lau, M.D.
General Surgery – Baylor College of Medicine,
Houston, TX

Florida International University, BA in Chemistry
Florida International University, BS in Biology



Edward Raymond Maharam, M.D.
Internal Medicine – Banner Good Samaritan
Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ

University of Southern California,
BS in Kinesiology



Robyn Monckton, M.D.
Family Medicine – Carolinas Medical Center,
Charlotte, NC

University of Florida, BA in Economics
University of Florida, BS in Biology



Kenji Ogura, M.D.
Anesthesiology – Los Angeles County Harbor,
UCLA Medical Center, Torrance, CA

Georgetown University, MS
University of California –Los Angeles,
BS in Physiological Science



Anit Anil Rastogi, M.D.
Surgery-Preliminary – St Barnabas Medical
Center, Livingston, NJ
Radiology-Diagnostic – University of Florida
College of Medicine, Shands Hospital,
Gainesville, FL

Duke University, BS in Psychology



Gabriel Jason Thornton, M.D.
Internal Medicine – Case Western Reserve
University/ University Hospitals Case
Medical Center, Cleveland, OH

University of Miami, BA in Anthropology



Peter Joseph Leahy, M.D.
Pediatrics – University of North Carolina
Hospitals, Chapel Hill, NC

University of Notre Dame,
BA in Anthropology



Scott Donald Mariouw, M.D.
Psychiatry – University of Illinois College of
Medicine, Chicago, IL

University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, BS in
Cellular and Molecular Biology



Diana M. Morlote, M.D.
Pathology – Mount Sinai Medical Center,
Miami, FL

Florida International University, BS in Biology



Rohit K. Raj, M.D.
Internal Medicine – Case Western Reserve
University/University Hospitals Case
Medical Center, Cleveland, OH

Amherst College, BA in Neuroscience



Michael William Syme, M.D.
General Surgery – University of Missouri at
Kansas City, Kansas City, MO

University of Florida, BS in Pre-Medicine and
Psychology



Kaiming Wu, M.D.
Transitional – Reading Hospital Medical
Center, Reading, PA
Radiology-Diagnostic – Massachusetts General
Hospital/Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

Washington University – St. Louis, BA in Biology



Eric Alexander Liss, M.D.
Transitional – Riverside Regional Medical
Center Newport, News, VA
Ophthalmology – University of Virginia,
Charlottesville, VA

Vanderbilt University,
BS in Child Development



Christine Matthews, M.D.
Family Medicine – St. Vincent's Medical
Center, Jacksonville, FL

University of Florida, BH in Health Science



Ariel Eduardo Moses, M.D.
Internal Medicine – Tulane University School
of Medicine, New Orleans, LA

University of Michigan – Ann Arbor,
BS in Neuroscience

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Honors

ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, a professional medical organization, recognizes and advocates for excellence in scholarship and the highest ideals in the profession of medicine. Up to 16 percent of the graduating class may be elected based on leadership, character, community service, and professionalism.

Eric Liss
Kailee Imperatore
Kaiming Wu
Anisha Kshetrapal
Scott Mariouw
Dillon Elijah Arango

LEONARD TOW HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD

Sponsored by the Gold Foundation, this award is presented to the student who best demonstrates the Foundation's ideals of outstanding compassion in the delivery of care, respect for patients, their families, and healthcare colleagues, as well as demonstrated clinical excellence.

Christine Matthews

GOLD HUMANISM HONOR SOCIETY

The Gold Humanism Honor Society honors medical students, residents, role-model physician teachers and other exemplars recognized for “demonstrated excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service.”

Tanya Bogle
Daniel Castellanos
Trine Engebretsen-Labbe
Christine Matthews
Anisha Kshetrapal

DR. ROBERT KEMPER AWARD

Underwritten by the Key Biscayne Foundation, this award is named in memory of Dr. Robert Kemper, who exemplified the highest qualities of medical professionalism until his life was cut short by cancer.

Michael Hann

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Chair, Department of Human and Molecular Genetics Professor

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$\text{♩} = 75$
mf

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 75 and a dynamic marking of *mf*. The lyrics are: "We pledge to thee dear F. I. U., with voi - ces loud and true, Al - ma Ma - ter fal - ter ne - ver, shine for e - ver Gold and Blue, We fly our ban - ners high - ev'ry cul - ture, we em - brace, All our love and Pan - ther spi - rit, young and old we - make this place, We hail to - ge - ther F. I. U, ev' ry scho - lar side by side, and we hail to Al - ma Ma - ter, Al - ma Ma - ter be our Guide". The score includes measure numbers 5, 10, 15, and 20. A dynamic marking of *mp cresc. poco a poco* appears above measures 15-18. The piece ends with a double bar line.

We pledge to thee dear F. I. U., with voi - ces loud and true, Al - ma
Ma - ter fal - ter ne - ver, shine for e - ver Gold and Blue, We fly our ban - ners
high - ev'ry cul - ture, we em - brace, All our love and Pan - ther spi - rit, young and
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Physician's Oath

(Patterned after the Oath of Hippocrates)

I do solemnly swear by that which I hold most sacred;

That I will be loyal to the profession of medicine
and just and generous to all;

That I will lead my life and practice my art
in uprightness and honor;

That into whatsoever house I shall enter,
it shall be for the good of the sick to the utmost of my power,
I, myself aloof from wrong, from corruption,
and from the temptation of others to vice;

That I will exercise my art solely for the cure of patients,
and will give no drug, perform no operation for criminal purpose,
even if solicited, and far less suggest such a thing.

That whatsoever I shall see or hear of the lives of others
which is not fitting to be spoken,
I will keep inviolably secret.

These things I do promise,
and in proportion as I am faithful to this, my oath,
may happiness and good repute be ever mine –
the opposite if I shall be forsworn.

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