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HERBERT WERTHEIM COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

CONVOCATION

APRIL 30, 2017





Dear Class of 2017,

On behalf of President Rosenberg, Provost Furton, and the entire faculty and staff of Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, it is my honor to congratulate you on the completion of your Doctor of Medicine degree. Our faculty and staff have been entrusted with the task of teaching, training, mentoring, and guiding you in becoming physicians, and we share in the excitement you feel on this graduation day.

Graduating from medical school marks the end of the early phase of your medical education. It is a great achievement and an important step in your personal and professional development. As medical students at Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, you have been part of a growing national movement that seeks to address the social determinants of health in medically underserved populations, and you have made a positive impact on the people in the South Florida community.

Graduation day also marks the beginning of subsequent phases of medical education. As you move into residency, fellowships, research, clinical practice, and other academic pursuits, we encourage you to remain connected to the principles of social accountability that are integral to our mission at Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine. Your dedication and hard work have prepared you to be excellent physicians, leaders, and lifelong learners; your commitment to meet the health needs of patients, demonstrate improved health outcomes, and reduce health disparities will lead to transformation in the health of communities around you.

Once again, we congratulate you and wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

John A. Rock, M.D.

John A. Rock, M.D.

Founding Dean and Senior Vice President for Health Affairs
Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine

Convocation Program

ACADEMIC PROCESSION	Saint Andrew's Pipe Band of Miami
CONVOCATION MARSHAL	Eneida O. Roldan, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A. <i>Chief Executive Officer, Associate Dean for FIU Health</i>
BANNER MARSHAL	Barbara Roller, Ph.D. <i>Assistant Dean for Student Affairs</i>
FACULTY MARSHALS	Carla Lupi, M.D. <i>Associate Dean for Faculty Development</i>
	Cheryl Brewster, Ed.D. <i>Assistant Dean for Diversity and Inclusion</i>
STUDENT MARSHALS	Gagani Athauda, M.D. <i>Assistant Professor, Department of Cellular Biology and Pharmacology</i>
	Rebecca Lyn Toonkel, M.D. <i>Assistant Dean, Academic Advising and Interim Curriculum Director</i>
CONVENER	John A. Rock, M.D. <i>Founding Dean and Senior Vice President for Health Affairs</i>
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER	Diana Abreu Molnar, M.D., <i>Class of 2017</i>
DEAN'S REMARKS	John A. Rock, M.D. <i>Founding Dean and Senior Vice President for Health Affairs</i>
REMARKS BY THE FOUNDING CHAIRMAN, HERBERT WERTHEIM O.D., D.Sc., M.D.	Carolyn D. Runowicz, M.D. <i>Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs</i>
INTRODUCTION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS	Kenneth G. Furton, Ph.D. <i>Provost and Executive Vice President</i>
REMARKS	Mark B. Rosenberg, Ph.D. <i>President</i>
INTRODUCTION OF CONVOCATION SPEAKER	Robert L. Hernandez Jr., M.D. <i>Executive Associate Dean for Student Affairs</i>
CONVOCATION ADDRESS	Fernando Valverde, M.D. <i>Regional President, Humana North and South Florida</i>

PRESENTATION OF THE GREEN FAMILY FOUNDATION NeighborhoodHELP™ COMMUNITY SERVICE TEACHING MEDALLION	Pedro J. Greer Jr., M.D. <i>Associate Dean for Community Engagement</i>
PRESENTATION OF SENIOR CLASS GIFT	Melvin J. Thomas, M.D. <i>President, Class of 2017</i>
INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER	Adrian L. Jones, J.D. <i>Associate Dean for Student Affairs</i>
STUDENT ADDRESS	Amal Masri, M.D. <i>Class of 2017</i>

Presentation of Hoods and Diplomas

PRESENTATION OF DOCTOR OF MEDICINE DEGREES	Carolyn D. Runowicz, M.D. <i>Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs</i>
HOODS	George Dambach, Ph.D. <i>Associate Dean for Curriculum and Medical Education</i>
	Karin Esposito, M.D., Ph.D. <i>Associate Dean for Academic Affairs</i>
	David Graham, M.D. <i>Associate Dean for Clinical Medical Education</i>
	Vivian Obeso, M.D. <i>Assistant Dean for Curriculum and Medical Education</i>
ADMINISTRATION OF PHYSICIAN'S OATH	Sergio M. Gonzalez-Arias, M.D. <i>Executive Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	John A. Rock, M.D. <i>Founding Dean and Senior Vice President for Health Affairs</i>

RECESSIONAL

The History of FIU's 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, M.D., 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. In 2012, HWCOC launched a NeighborhoodHELP™ Mobile Health Center that provides primary and preventive health care services to NeighborhoodHELP™ household members in our communities. 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. The college employs a highly diverse faculty and staff, creating learning environments that foster the development of culturally competent physicians prepared to improve the quality of patient care.

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 marked the culmination of the first full cycle of the Doctor of Medicine degree program at Florida International University.

In 2016, the college celebrated its 10th anniversary since its inception and held the third Sapphire Celebration Gala which helped raise over \$1 million for student scholarships, medical education and training programs. Match Day 2017 celebrated the college's fifth Match Day which had a 97% match rate. Of the 114 students in the class 37 will continue their training in Florida, half of them in South Florida.



Herbert Wertheim O.D., D.Sc., M.D. (hc)
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. 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.

Wertheim founded Brain Power Incorporated (BPI) more than 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 United States 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. 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 40 programmers and researchers.

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. 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, 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. Wertheim's invention of UV-400 absorbers for eyeglasses as well as other discoveries have been beneficial in reducing cataracts and other eye pathologies.

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.

As chairman of FIU's Academic Affairs Committee, he conceived, initiated, and won the approval of the university's trustees for the College of Medicine and was asked to chair the Medical College Initiative. In May 2009, he and the Dr. Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Family Foundation made a \$20 million contribution that became \$40 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 College of Medicine. 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.

The La Jolla Institute of Allergies and Immunology Board elected Wertheim to serve as a director and research advisor. This will give each institution the ability to benefit from shared educational, research, and clinical knowledge and resources in the future.

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



Fernando J. Valverde, M.D.
Regional President of South Florida
Humana Healthcare

Fernando J. Valverde, M.D., is the Regional President for Humana in South Florida. In this role he is responsible for the oversight of 400,000 Medicare and Medicaid members and revenues of \$5 Billion dollars. Dr. Valverde is responsible for continued development and expansion of Humana's Medicare business in the South and North Florida regions and for staff leadership across all business and operations within those markets.

Prior to joining Humana, Dr. Valverde served as Founding Chief Executive Officer of the Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (HWCOM) Health Care Network (FIU Health). Dr. Valverde was also the Associate Dean for Community and Clinical Affairs at HWCOM and until recently maintained his teaching position as an Associate Professor of Medicine. He was the Founding Strand Leader for the Professional Development. During his seven year tenure at FIU he taught humanism, healthcare policy and managed care at HWCOM.

In addition to his positions at HWCOM he has held teaching positions at the FIU College of Law and College of Business. Recently, Florida Governor Rick Scott appointed him to the Florida State University Board of Governors which includes twelve state universities with an enrollment of more than 300,000 students, 60,000 faculty and staff with a budget of more than \$8.5 billion.

An active member of the South Florida community, Dr. Valverde has served as a council member at The Patricia and Philip Frost Art Museum, as a board director for the Miami Art Central Museum, and as board president for the Atlantis Academy School for Children with Learning Disabilities in Miami. Recently he was recognized by the National Hispanic Health Foundation for contributing to improving the health care of Hispanics.

Dr. Valverde is a physician, entrepreneur, and executive who has contributed to the growth of the healthcare field on both regional and national levels for 25 years. During this time, he founded, operated, and managed numerous healthcare companies.

Green Family Foundation NeighborhoodHELP™ Community Faculty Award

This award recognizes a community member who is emblematic of forwarding the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine's ambition to produce socially responsible physicians and promote healthy communities through engaging in local neighborhoods. The NeighborhoodHELP™ household member presented with this award exhibits the improvement of the household learning experience, supports community engaged research, and helps develop community-driven service opportunities, three core elements that promote an environment for scholarship in the community setting.



Ms. Pamela Burnett

Pam's relationship with FIU started with our first class in 2009, when she worked as an interviewer for the Division of Research. In that position she demonstrated her compassion in a way, seldom seen. This was not a job to her, but her calling in life. The same households she interviewed, would later be served by NeighborhoodHELP™. Of which she would become one of them.

After doing her part in the Division of Research, Pam turned her attention to referring families to NeighborhoodHELP and actively lobbying local officials to request that the program be brought to their area – in some instances demanding it.

Her passion stems from being a breast cancer survivor, and how that has affected and changed her whole outlook on life. As a result of that, she founded The Beautiful Gate in 2006. The Beautiful Gate is a faith-based cancer support center for African-American women and the underserved, and is one of the very first community partnerships that NeighborhoodHELP™ established in 2009.

Pam has contributed to NeighborhoodHELP™, by being a Community Advisory Team (CAT) member, partnered with the Art Initiative to identify women for free mammograms, cultivating relationships for the launch of the mammovan and helped in the startup of the program. She has not only seen it grow, but has been part of that growth.

Pam has worked closely with many medical students, on different initiatives, serving as a mentor and guiding them on cultural issues, and the students working with her and The Beautiful Gate.

Coming full circle, since 2016 Pam has become a household of NeighborhoodHELP™. Many of the medical students she helped while in her professional capacity now are helping her as an NHELP household member, as she continues to teach our students.

Pam deserves the award, not because she has been involved in many facets of NeighborhoodHELP™, but because she is a true community icon and has a passion for helping others, and educating our students, like no other.

Senior Class Gift Dr. Christine Matthews Dalton Scholarship



The Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (FIU HWCOC) graduating class of 2017 would like to present Dean John Rock with this year's senior class gift—a donation to the Dr. Christine Matthews Dalton Scholarship. As its Senior Class Gift, the Class of 2017 has donated approximately \$3,000 toward the scholarship.

Dr. Christine Matthews Dalton began her medical career at FIU HWCOC as a member of the inaugural Class, graduating in 2013. She had a passion for Family Medicine, stemming from her devotion to her patients and her commitment to helping those in underserved communities. As a medical student, Dr. Matthews Dalton held various leadership roles, including founding president of the Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG). She also served as the student director on the Florida Academy of Family Physicians (FAFP) Board of Directors.

A cancer diagnosis just weeks before Match Day led Dr. Matthews Dalton to postpone her residency training. She chose to remain at FIU HWCOC after graduating and became a valuable member of our faculty, teaching and mentoring students in clinical skills. Dr. Matthews Dalton passed away in November 2014, but not before leaving a lasting impression on everyone she met.

The purpose of this scholarship award is to assist a rising fourth-year medical student who shares the same dream as Dr. Matthews Dalton of becoming a Family Medicine physician. The scholarship recipient must embody the principles of Family Medicine and the characteristics that defined Dr. Matthews Dalton—compassion, resilience, perseverance, and integrity. Dr. Matthews Dalton's courage and love for medicine serve as an example of the physician all of us aspire to become. The success of this scholarship depends on us, and we hope that this gift will serve as a reminder to future students of her legacy.

Class of 2017 Graduates



Zachary Allan Aberman, M.D.
Orthopaedic Surgery
Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine
Plainview, NY
Emory University, BS in Neuroscience
and Behavioral Biology



Diana Abreu Molnar, M.D.
Pediatrics
Nicklaus Children's Hospital
Miami, FL
Florida International University,
MPH in Epidemiology
University of Miami, BS in Neuroscience



Jason Andrew Alvarez, M.D.
Medicine-Preliminary
Sinai Hospital
Baltimore, MD
Ophthalmology
Sinai Hospital, Baltimore, MD
University of North Florida, BS in Biology



Zaimat Beiro, M.D.
Internal Medicine
Cleveland Clinic
Weston, FL
Florida International University, BS in Biology



Amer Ashaab Belal, M.D.
Internal Medicine
University of Florida College of Medicine-
Shands Hospital
Gainesville, FL
University of Florida, BS in Chemistry



Melissa Bengoa, M.D.
Internal Medicine
Emory University School of Medicine
Atlanta, GA
Brown University, BA in Hispanic Studies
and Biology



Chantel Dylande Amarillo, M.D.
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice,
BS in Forensic Science and Molecular Biology



Alfredo Armas, M.D.
Medicine-Preliminary/Anesthesiology
New York University School of Medicine
New York, NY
Anesthesiology
New York University School of Medicine
New York, NY
University of Miami, BA in Studio Art



Aaron Joseph Arroyave, M.D.
General Surgery
University of Tennessee Graduate School
Knoxville, TN
University of South Florida, BS in
Health Sciences



Andrew Garland Bohn, M.D.
Family Medicine
Womack Army Medical Center
Fort Bragg, NC
University of Missouri, BA in Psychology,
BA in Biology



Alexander E. Braley, M.D.
Neurological Surgery
SUNY Upstate Medical University
Syracuse, NY
University of South Florida,
BA in Biochemistry



Christopher Brown, M.D.
General Surgery
Louisiana State University School of Medicine
New Orleans, LA
Barry College, MS in Biomedical Science
Cornell University, BS in Biology



Peter Elias Ashman, M.D.
Otolaryngology
Rutgers New Jersey Medical School
Newark, NJ
Muhlenberg College, BS in Biochemistry



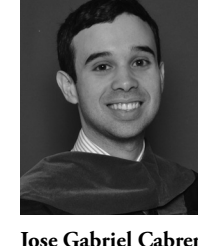
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Internal Medicine
University of California San Francisco
San Francisco, CA
University of Georgia, MS in Nutrition
University of Florida, BS in Nutrition



Victor Nicholas Becerra, M.D.
Transitional, University of Central Florida
College of Medicine, Orlando, FL
Radiology-Diagnostic
Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY
University of Central Florida, BS in
Microbiology and Molecular Biology



Nicole Christine Brzozowski, M.D.
Obstetrics-Gynecology
Medical University of South Carolina
Charleston, SC
University of Miami, BS in Neuroscience
and Psychobiology



Jose Gabriel Cabrera, M.D.
Medicine-Preliminary
Orlando Health
Orlando, FL
Anesthesiology
UPMC Medical Education
Pittsburgh, PA
Nova Southeastern University, BS in Biology



Caroline Tess Carreras, M.D.
Internal Medicine
Memorial Health-University
Savannah, GA
University of Florida, BS in Microbiology
and Cell Science

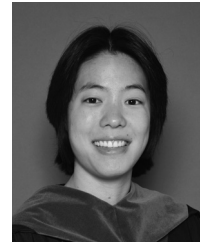
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Michael Castillo, M.D.
Internal Medicine
Cleveland Clinic Florida
Weston, FL
University of Central Florida, BS in Molecular
Biology and Microbiology



Layla Rezvani Cavitt, M.D.
Family Medicine
Greater Lawrence Family Health Center
Lawrence, MA
University of Florida, BS in Nutrition



Yatyng Chang, M.D.
Pediatrics
Nicklaus Children's Hospital
Miami, FL
Duke University, BS in Biomedical
Engineering



Yanel Marisa De Los Santos, M.D.
Pathology
University of Florida School of
Medicine-Shands Hospital
Gainesville, FL
Florida International University, BS in Biology



Spencer Rose Del Moral, M.D.
Family Medicine
University of Colorado School of Medicine
Denver, CO
University of Florida, BS in Biochemistry



Zachary John Demko, M.D.
Psychiatry
University of Colorado School of Medicine
Aurora, CO
University of Florida, BS in Psychology



Li Che, M.D.
Medicine-Preliminary
Western Reserve Health Education/NEOMED
Youngstown, OH
Anesthesiology
Montefiore Medical Center/Einstein
Bronx, NY
Ashland University, MBA
Case Western Reserve University, BA
in Chemistry



Angel Gabriel Chinea Vicente, M.D.
Neurological Surgery
University of South Florida Morsani College
of Medicine
Tampa, FL
University of Tampa, BS in Biology



Geoffrey Collett, M.D.
Medicine-Preliminary
Boston University Medical Center
Boston, MA
Ophthalmology
Boston University
Boston, MA
Florida International University,
BA in Chemistry



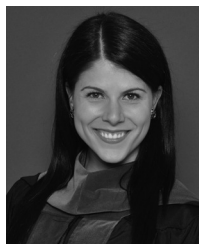
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University of Missouri, BS in Biological
Sciences, BA in Spanish



Brynn Nicole Donnelly, M.D.
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Charleston, SC
University of Florida, BS in Biology



Chriselle Mae Nava Ebreo, M.D.
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UC Irvine Medical Center
Orange, CA
University of California, BS in Molecular Cell
and Developmental Biology



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University of Utah Affiliate Hospitals
Salt Lake City, UT
SUNY at Geneseo, BA in English



Terrence S. Daley-Lindo, M.D.
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Orlando Health
Orlando, FL
University of South Florida,
BS in Biomedical Science



Peter William D'Amore, M.D.
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New Orleans, LA
University of Florida, BS in Biochemistry



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Washington University, BA in Anthropology



Laura Florez, M.D.
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Jackson Memorial Hospital
Miami, FL
Florida International University, BS in Biology



Cameron Frederick, M.D.
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Washington State University, BA in
Spanish Language and Culture, BS in
Biomedical Engineering

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Psychiatry
NCC-Walter Reed National Military
Medical Center
Bethesda, MD
Cornell University, BS in Nutrition



Perry Alan Fuchs, M.D.
Internal Medicine
University of Arizona College of Medicine
Phoenix, AZ
University of Miami, BS in Education,
Exercise Physiology



Matthew Patrick Gates, M.D.
Pediatrics
University of South Florida Morsani College
of Medicine
Tampa, FL
University of South Florida,
BS in Biomedical Science



Elise Taylor Gershman, M.D.
Obstetrics-Gynecology
Tulane University School of Medicine
New Orleans, LA
Gordon College, BS in Chemistry and Biology



Carma Helen Goldstein, M.D.
General Surgery
Rutgers New Jersey Medical School
Newark, NJ
University of Florida, BS in Math,
BS in Food Science and Nutrition



Derek Michael Gonzalez, M.D.
Orthopaedic Surgery
Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine
New York, NY
University of Florida, BS in Biology



Manesh Gopaldas, M.D.
Psychiatry
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Nashville, TN
Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College of FAU,
BA in Liberal Arts & Science



Ryan X. Grell, M.D.
Anesthesiology
Boston University Medical Center
Boston, MA
University of Miami, BS in Neuroscience



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Duke University, BA in Neuroscience,
BS in Philosophy

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Providence, RI
University of Pennsylvania, BA in History



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Tampa, FL
University of Miami, BS in Neuroscience
and Neurobiology



Edward Hernandez, M.D.
General Surgery
Indiana University School of Medicine
Indianapolis, IN
Florida International University,
BS in Chemistry



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Ophthalmology, Med C Virginia,
Charlottesville, VA
University of Central Florida,
BS in Computer Engineering



Diego Iparraguirre, M.D.
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University of Cincinnati Medical Center
Cincinnati, OH
Florida International University, BS in Biology



Dan Iya, M.D.
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Medical School
Austin, TX
University of Florida, BS in Biology



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University of Pittsburgh, BS in Microbiology



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Boston College, BA in Philosophy

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Medicine at Tucson
Tucson, AZ
University of Florida,
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University of Texas Health Science Center
San Antonio, TX
University of California, BA in Public Health



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Shands Hospital
Gainesville, FL
Wellesley College, BA in Art History



Alexander Zhang Kitto, M.D.
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Worcester, MA
Cornell University, BS in Mathematics



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University of Arizona College of
Medicine at Tucson
Tucson, AZ
University of California, BS in
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology



David Gregory Lehmkuhl, M.D.
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Radiology-Diagnostic, Jackson Memorial
Hospital, Miami, FL
University of Central Florida,
BS in Molecular Biology



Benjamin Jacob Levens, M.D.
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Bronx, NY
University of Florida, BS in Zoology



Daniel Aaron Lewis, M.D.
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University of Florida College of Medicine
Jacksonville, FL
University of North Florida, BA in Biology,
BS in Philosophy



Kevin Liu, M.D.
Internal Medicine
Icahn School of Medicine Beth Israel
New York, NY
University of Miami, BS in Biomedical
Engineering

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Juan Gabriel Lopez, M.D.
Internal Medicine
Jackson Memorial Hospital
Miami, FL
University of Miami,
BS in Biomedical Engineering



Jonathan Macias, M.D.
Internal Medicine
Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine
Great Neck, NY
University of Miami, BS in Biology



William Alexander Mahoney, M.D.
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University of Arizona College of Medicine
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Tucson, AZ
University of Florida, BS in Food and Resource
Economics



Uday Malhotra, M.D.
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Mount Sinai Medical Center
Miami Beach, FL
Radiology-Diagnostic
U Massachusetts Med School
Worcester, MA
University of Florida, BS in Chemistry



Amal Converse Masri, M.D.
Obstetrics-Gynecology
Tulane University School of Medicine
New Orleans, LA
Rollins College, BA in English



Nicole Massucci, M.D.
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New York University School of Medicine
New York, NY
Anesthesiology
NYU School of Medicine
New York, NY
University of Florida, BS in Health Science



Sean Garrett McIntyre, M.D.
Anesthesiology
Jackson Memorial Hospital
Miami, FL
University of Florida, BS in Biology



Andrew David Milera, M.D.
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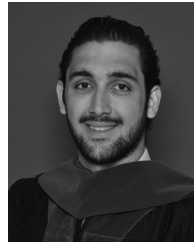
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That I will lead my life and practice my art
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