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HERBERT WERTHEIM COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

CONVOCAATION

APRIL 30, 2018





Dear Class of 2018,

Congratulations on your commencement! This moment marks a major milestone on your path to becoming the future generation of physicians that I envisioned when I came to this university more than a decade ago.

This is a year of big changes for all of us here at Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (HWCOM). As you already know, soon I will be stepping down from my role as Dean. As the college prepares for this transition, my heart is full knowing that—consistent with the HWCOM mission—our graduates are uniquely qualified to transform the health of patients and communities. I invite you to reflect for a moment on a few of the ways in which your experience at HWCOM has given you these qualifications:

- You demonstrate the attributes of professionalism expected of physicians, including a commitment to ethical principles and the ability to work collaboratively with others on interprofessional teams.
- You have the capacity to be self-directed, lifelong learners—a characteristic essential to the spirit of inquiry that leads to scientific advancements and improvements in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disease.
- You recognize and have the skills necessary to address the social determinants of health in culturally diverse, medically underserved populations and, through NeighborhoodHELP, you have made a positive impact on the people of the South Florida community.

It has been a tremendous privilege for me to serve as your Dean, and to watch your progression as medical students over the past several years. I encourage you to stay connected with HWCOM and to let your Panther Pride continue to flourish by becoming members of our Medical Alumni Network. On behalf of President Rosenberg, Provost Furton, and the entire faculty and staff of HWCOM, it is my honor to congratulate you all and to wish you continued success in residency and in your future careers.

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	David R. Brown, M.D. <i>Vice Chair, Chief of Family Medicine</i>
BANNER MARSHAL	Barbra A. Roller, Ph.D. <i>Assistant Dean for Student Affairs</i>
FACULTY MARSHALS	Diana Barratt, M.D. <i>Associate Professor, Clerkship Director for Neurology</i>
	Jorge Camilo Mora, M.D. <i>Associate Professor, Director of Geriatric Medicine</i>
STUDENT MARSHALS	Gagani Athauda, M.D. <i>Associate Professor, Department of Cellular Biology and Pharmacology</i>
	Rebecca L. Toonkel, M.D. <i>Assistant Dean, Academic Advising and Period Two 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	Stephanie Fernandez, M.D. <i>Class of 2018</i>
DEAN'S REMARKS	John A. Rock, M.D. <i>Founding Dean and Senior Vice President for Health 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>
	Herbert A. Wertheim, O.D., D.Sc. <i>Founding Chairman and Trustee Emeritus</i>
INTRODUCTION OF CONVOCATION SPEAKER	Karin C. Esposito, M.D., Ph.D. <i>Interim Executive Associate Dean for Student Affairs</i>
CONVOCATION ADDRESS	Nelson L. Adams, M.D., FACOG <i>President and CEO of Metro-Miami OB/GYN Associates, P.A.</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>
INTRODUCTION OF CLASS PRESIDENT	Adrian L. Jones, J.D. <i>Associate Dean for Student Affairs</i>
PRESENTATION OF SENIOR CLASS GIFT	Ashton Sequeira, M.D. <i>President, Class of 2018</i>
INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER	Nancy E. Havas, M.D. <i>Associate Dean for Student Affairs</i>
STUDENT ADDRESS	Yves-Dany Accilien, M.D. <i>Class of 2018</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	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	Pedro J. Greer Jr., M.D. <i>Associate Dean for Community Engagement</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 (FIU) Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (HWCOC) was established in response to a community need for access to medical education and a projected need for physicians in the state and country. In March 2006, the State University System of Florida Board of Governors approved the university's plans for establishment of a college of medicine, and in May 2006, the Florida Legislature authorized creation of the new college. Immediately thereafter, FIU began to develop an innovative, twenty-first-century approach to health care and medical education. In fall 2006, FIU selected John A. Rock, MD, to become Founding Dean and Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs of its new college of medicine.

The HWCOC Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree program curriculum forgoes the traditional pattern of medical education, in which students complete 2 years of study of basic science and then 2 years of clinical training. Instead, the program integrates clinical and basic science throughout the 4-year medical education experience. HWCOC medical students receive formal instruction in professional development and complete clinical training in a variety of health care settings throughout South Florida. These venues provide learning environments that foster the development of culturally competent students who will become physicians dedicated to improving the quality of patient care.

Students also participate in the Green Family Foundation Neighborhood Health Education Learning Program (NeighborhoodHELP), the college's innovative service-learning initiative in which faculty-supervised, interprofessional teams of FIU students provide care to households in medically underserved areas of South Florida. Since 2012, HWCOC has launched several fully equipped NeighborhoodHELP Mobile Health Centers that provide primary and preventive health care services in designated neighborhoods. HWCOC has been widely recognized for this innovation and dedication to the community: in 2016, the college was awarded the Association for Medical Education in Europe ASPIRE-to-Excellence Award in Social Accountability, an international honor recognizing the college's approach to addressing the health needs of the community through NeighborhoodHELP.

In 2008, the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) conferred preliminary accreditation on the HWCOC MD degree program, which allowed the school to accept its inaugural class of students in fall 2009. The college has since completed each step of the LCME accreditation process in the shortest time possible, and the MD degree program is now fully accredited through 2026. Following enrollments of 43, 43, 82, and 120 students in 2009 through 2012, respectively, the college now operates at its planned full capacity of 480 medical students.

On March 15, 2013, the college 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 MD degree program at FIU. Since then, subsequent cohorts of graduating students have achieved similar success in the Match; many HWCOC alumni are now in residency programs throughout the United States, and some are already practicing physicians making a positive impact on the communities they serve. The college continues to celebrate its many successes, and is particularly proud to celebrate the commencement of its sixth class of future physicians—the HWCOC Class of 2018.



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



Nelson L. Adams, M.D., FACOG
President and CEO of Metro-Miami OB/GYN Associates, P.A.

Nelson L. Adams, M.D., a native of Miami, Florida and a product of its public-school system, is a medical leader passionately committed to eliminating racial and ethnic inequality in health. An exceptional achiever, earning high recognition both scholastically and among medical peers, Dr. Adams is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Honorary Doctor of Laws.

An esteemed alumnus of Howard University, Dr. Adams has been recognized in Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities. He earned his medical degree at Meharry Medical College in 1978 and completed his four-year residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Emory University in 1982. Prior to returning home to Miami, Dr. Adams practiced in Mobile, Alabama for three years.

A board-certified Obstetrician-Gynecologist, Dr. Adams has a vibrant and challenging practice in North Miami-Dade County. He was the first African-American Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the first African-American Chief of Staff of North Shore Medical Center. In 1992, he founded the Maternal Child Health Initiative (MCHI), an award-winning model for providing care to at-risk, low-income, pregnant women. The highly successful MCHI utilized a multi-tiered intervention that addressed the psychological, social, and medical needs of expectant mothers.

Today, Dr. Adams is the Chairman of the Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Jackson North Medical Center, President of Metro-Miami OB/GYN Associates, P.A. and Chairman of the board of the Sunshine State Health Plan. Additionally, Adams is a Clinical Professor at the FIU, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, in the Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

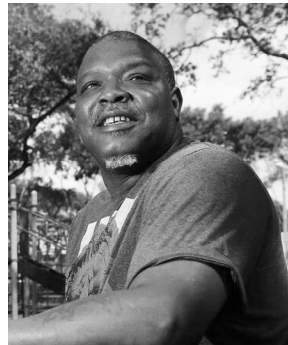
Throughout his fruitful career, Dr. Adams’ leadership and community service has reached across academic, religious, fraternal, and charitable institutions. He is a member of the prestigious Orange Bowl Committee, a member of the Board of Trustees of Bethune-Cookman University (Vice-Chairman), Meharry Medical College (Chairman), and Trustee emeritus at Barry University. He currently hosts a weekly Radio Talk Show—Health Talk on Gospel AM1490 WMBM. He served on the Florida International University’s Foundation Board for 10 years and as Vice Chairman for two of them. He also served as founding Chair for the Florida International University’s Center for Leadership—Alumnus, ’09. He has served on the boards of the Children’s Trust, is the past Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Greater Miami Region of the National Conference of Christian and Jews now (MCCJ), and on the board of the Miami Art Museum, now (PAMM). He is also a proud member of the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity—the “Boulé”, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Alpha Omega Alpha honor medical society. Additionally, he is a beloved and active member of the historic St. John Baptist Church where he serves as an Associate Minister and Chairman of the Board of the church’s Community Development Corporation.

Dr. Adams has served on the board of directors of the Dade County Medical Association (DCMA) and is a past President of the DCMA. After several years on the board of Trustees of the National Medical Association he subsequently served as the 107th National President representing their nearly 30,000 African-American physicians and the patients that they serve.

Dr. Adams is the son of the late Naomi A. Adams and the late Nelson L. Adams, both of whom were educators in the Dade County School system. Dr. Adams is married to Effie Jones Adams and they are the proud parents of Victoria and Nelson. Sustained by family ties and guided by spiritual values, Dr. Adams abides by the motto: “To whom much is given, much is required.”

Green Family Foundation NeighborhoodHELP Community Service Teaching Medallion

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.



Mr. Henry Larkin

It is with great pleasure that we present Mr. Henry Larkin with the NeighborhoodHELP (NHELP) Community Service Teaching Medallion. With this recognition we want to identify Mr. Larkin’s community service and commitment to the NHELP program. Mr. Larkin has participated in numerous events within FIU and the South Miami community ranging from participation in the South Miami Community Advisory Board (CAB) meetings, Panther Learning Community Orientation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation meeting, and countless additional meetings and visits within FIU. Mr. Larkin has been a participant of the NHELP program since 2015, working with medical student Daniel Garrido as one of the members of his student team.

Mr. Larkin is a resident of South Miami. He is a heart attack survivor that suffers from various health complications including diabetes and high blood pressure. Prior to Mr. Larkin’s enrollment in NHELP, he suffered a work related back injury that caused him to lose his health insurance. This resulted in multiple visits to the emergency room due to lack of primary healthcare. Upon his enrollment with NHELP, he was able to receive the primary healthcare that he needed through our Mobile Health Center as well as household visits, which aided in improving his overall health. Through the partnership with South Miami Baptist Hospital and NHELP, Mr. Larkin underwent a laminectomy, a surgical procedure to remove one or more vertebrae in his back. He is also now more physically active and has changed his eating habits.

Throughout his participation in the NHELP program, he has been a great leader in representing households of the program by speaking at various events such as freshman orientation for FIU HWCOC’s new pool of medical students. Mr. Larkin has also opened the doors to his home numerous times by welcoming visitors from out of state and other programs to personally share his story with them. His medical and success story was covered by the Miami Herald in 2017. Mr. Larkin is an exceptional example of someone who has flourished through adversity and taken full advantage of the community services and medical advice provided to him through the NHELP program.

Senior Class Gift Water Bottle Filling Station



The Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (FIU HWCOC) graduating Class of 2018 would like to present the students of FIU HWCOC with this year’s senior class gift—an environmentally-friendly water bottle filling station to be placed near the first floor restrooms in Academic Health Center 2, where we spent years soaking in pre-clinical knowledge.

Few students in the world have had to go through the rigors of medical school. Even fewer have finished with the same persistence, grace, and commitment. The students at HWCOC are a very special cohort. We have had the unique opportunity to not only improve the medical ailments of our patients, but to also make a transformational change in the lives of our patients and communities through social accountability, integrity, and service. Within our borders, we have cultivated a culture of collegiality, and fostered a sense of community unique to this medical school. Our commitment to each other has nurtured our individual successes.

As we go forth in our careers, we strive to make a lasting impression wherever our lives may take us. With this dedicated water bottle filling station, we hope to make a lasting impact on our environment and our future students to inspire unity and collaboration amongst all classes.

Dedicated to the Students of FIU HWCOC
Knowledge is the wellspring of life. And a well dug with compassion never runs dry.
— The Graduating Class of 2018

Class of 2018 Graduates



Yves-Dany Accilien, M.D.
Emergency Medicine
University of Chicago Medical Center
Chicago, IL

University of Miami,
BS in Exercise Physiology



Sarah Altajar, M.D.
Internal Medicine
Boston University Medical Center
Boston, MA

Tufts University, MS in Biomedical Sciences
University of Miami, BS in Biology



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Emergency Medicine
University of New Mexico School of Medicine
Albuquerque, NM

University of South Florida,
MS in Medical Sciences
The Ohio State University, BS in Psychology



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BA in Chemistry



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Florida International University,
BS in Biology



Cyrus Paul Bhadha, M.D.
Psychiatry
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BS in Biology



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Brooksville, FL

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University of Maryland,
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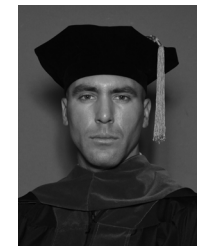
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University of Miami, BS in Neuroscience



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University of Florida, BS in Biology



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BS in Molecular Biology



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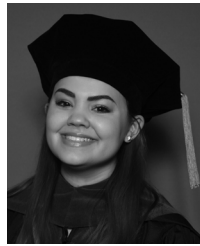
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Washington, DC

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BA in Foreign Language and Spanish



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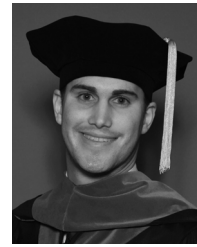


Jeremy Lane King, M.D.

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Radiology-Diagnostic | University of Florida College of Medicine–Shands Hospital Gainesville, FL

University of Central Florida, BS in Molecular Biology and Microbiology



Christopher William Kinter, M.D.

University of South Florida, MS in Medical Sciences

University of Florida, BS in Psychology



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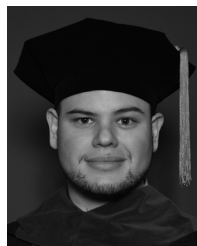
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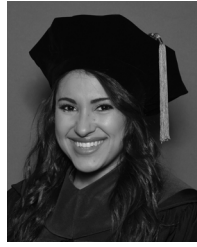


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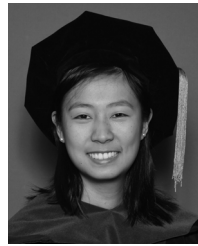
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$\text{♩} = 75$

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of five staves of music. The first staff 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". The second staff continues: "Ma - ter fal - ter ne - ver, shine for e - ver Gold and Blue, We fly our ban - ners". The third staff: "high - ev'ry cul - ture, we em - brace, All our love and Pan - ther spi - rit, young and". The fourth staff: "old we - make this place, We hail to - ge - ther F. I. U, ev' ry scho - lar side by". The fifth staff: "side, and we hail to Al - ma Ma - ter, Al - ma Ma - ter be our Guide". The score includes dynamic markings of *mp cresc. poco a poco* and *mf*.

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(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,
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