

Forty-Sixth Annual

USA College of Medicine Commencement Ceremony

**Thursday, May 6, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.
Mitchell Center**

Processional

Introduction..... Kelly P. Roveda, M.D.
Associate Dean, Student Affairs

Welcome..... John V. Marymont, M.D., MBA
Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean of the College of Medicine

Alumni Welcome H. Chris Semple, M.D.
President, USA Medical Alumni Association
Class of 1985

Address to the Class..... Errol D. Crook, M.D.
Abraham A. Mitchell Chair & Professor
Department of Internal Medicine

Response from the Class Zachary Bruce White II

Conferring of the Doctoral Degrees Tony G. Waldrop, Ph.D.
President

Hooding of Doctoral CandidatesMark Taylor, Ph.D.
Professor, Department of Physiology & Cell Biology

J. Harold Pardue, Ph.D.
Dean and Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs

Kelly P. Roveda, M.D.

John V. Marymont, M.D., MBA

Military Oath of Office..... Andrew C. Bright, D.O., FACS
Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery
Lieutenant Commander, United States Navy, Honorably separated

Administration of the Hippocratic Oath..... John V. Marymont, M.D., MBA

Acknowledgment of AΩA members, Gold Humanism Honor Society members,
and Scholarship RecipientsT.J. Hundley, Jr., M.D.
Associate Dean for Medical Education
Associate Professor, Department of Internal Medicine

Acknowledgment of Red Sash Faculty.....T.J. Hundley, Jr., M.D.

Concluding Remarks Kelly P. Roveda, M.D.

Recessional

Candidates for the Degree of
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

The Graduate School

J. Harold Pardue, Ph.D., Dean and Associate Vice President
Academic Affairs

Kierra Hardy

Ph.D. in Basic Medical Sciences

Dissertation Title: “*Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Type III Secretion System Effector ExoU Induces Transient Paralysis of Mitochondria-associated NLR4 Inflammasome”

Major Professor: Jonathon Audia, Ph.D.

External Funding Received:

National Institute of Health, National Heart, Lung, Blood Institute R01HL118334-S1

Title: *Caspase-1, the Microvascular Endothelium, and Infection*

USA College of Medicine Dean’s Predoctoral fellowship

Post Graduation: Postdoctoral Fellowship at Harvard Medical School

(Mentor: Dr. Timothy Mitchison)

Sarah Voth

Ph.D. in Basic Medical Sciences

Dissertation Title: “Endothelial Amyloids in Acute Lung Infection”

Major Professor: Troy Stevens, Ph.D.

External Funding Received:

NIH F31 Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Individual Fellowship, HL147512, 2019-2020

TITLE: *Cytotoxic Lung Endothelial Amyloids*

Principle Investigator: S. Voth

Sponsor: T. Stevens

Funded: \$57,000

University of South Alabama Department of Physiology and Cell Biology

Post Graduation: Postdoctoral Fellowship at Yale University

(Mentor: Charles Dela Cruz, MD, PhD)

Candidates for the Degree of
DOCTOR OF MEDICINE
and
Their Residency Appointments and Research Fellowships
College of Medicine
John V. Marymont, M.D., Dean and Vice President, Medical Affairs

Nkemdi E. Agwaramgbo♥

Internal Medicine

University of Cincinnati Medical Center – Cincinnati, Ohio

Noelle Catherine Ahmed

Emergency Medicine

University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

Amanda Ivy Atkins

Otolaryngology

University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

Austin C. Atkins*

Orthopaedic Surgery

University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

Hannah Elizabeth Brooks

Pediatrics

Virginia Commonwealth University Health System – Richmond, Virginia

William Brooks Burns

Psychiatry

University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

Ashley Breanna Cainion

Family Medicine

University of North Carolina Hospitals – Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Connor C. Cocke

Pediatrics

Eastern Virginia Medical School – Norfolk, Virginia

Jessica A. Cook*

Internal Medicine (2021)

Diagnostic Radiology (2022)

University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

William Tanner Cox

Orthopaedic Surgery

University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

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Joshua Phillip Dehart*
Transitional Year
Naval Medical Center – Portsmouth, Virginia

Zachary André den Besten
Surgery-Preliminary
Carilion Clinic, Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine – Roanoke, Virginia

Charles Robert Diard
Transitional Year (2021)
WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center – Marietta, Georgia
Diagnostic Radiology (2022)
University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

Raymond C. Dolcelli
Diagnostic Radiology
Baylor University Medical Center – Dallas, Texas

Grayson A. Domingue*♥
Orthopaedic Surgery
University of Oklahoma College of Medicine – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Carson Cain Edwards
Obstetrics & Gynecology
University of Texas Southwestern Medical School – Dallas, Texas

William Sanford Edwards
Research Fellowship in Ophthalmology
Hamilton Eye Institute, University of Tennessee – Memphis, Tennessee

Dala Mohamad Eloubeidi*♥
Internal Medicine
University of Michigan Hospitals – Ann Arbor, Michigan

Kaitlin Z. Ervin
Family Medicine
Emory University School of Medicine – Atlanta, Georgia

Tina Etminan
Pediatrics
University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School – Austin, Texas

Gerald Galen Garriga
General Surgery
Brookwood Baptist Health – Birmingham, Alabama

Ian Alexander Garrison
Orthopaedic Surgery
University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

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Kendal Dekle Garrison
Obstetrics & Gynecology
University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

Lauren Alexandra Galbraith Gibson*
Transitional Year (2021)
Ophthalmology (2022)
Emory University School of Medicine – Atlanta, Georgia

Jasmine M. Haralson
Family Medicine
North Mississippi Medical Center – Tupelo, Mississippi

Michael Eli Heisler
Anesthesiology
LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport, Louisiana

Alexandrea Cool Jager
Obstetrics & Gynecology
University of Florida College of Medicine, Shands Hospital – Pensacola, Florida

Elizabeth Anne Kean
Internal Medicine (2021)
University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama
Diagnostic Radiology (2022)
University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine – Knoxville, Tennessee

Aliyah J. Kennedy
Obstetrics & Gynecology
LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport, Louisiana

Verlisa Renee Kennedy-Franklin
Surgery-Preliminary
University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

Alexis Leonora Holt Kentros
Urology
University of Tennessee – Knoxville, Tennessee

Tyler Mundi King♥
Transitional Year
Naval Medical Center – Portsmouth, Virginia

Harold Brooks Lampkin*
Otolaryngology
University Hospitals – Jackson, Mississippi

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Paul Y. Lee
Internal Medicine
Rutgers-New Jersey Medical School – Newark, New Jersey

Samantha Noel Lee
Psychiatry
University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

Lauren Piper Loeb
Internal Medicine
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education – Jacksonville, Florida

Jeanetta Morgan Malone
Psychiatry
University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

Allen Mao
Transitional Year (2021)
University of Central Florida COM/GME Consortium – Gainesville, Florida
Diagnostic Radiology (2022)
University of Florida College of Medicine, Shands Hospital – Gainesville, Florida

David Benjamin Marks
Internal Medicine
University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

Garrett Reid McClenny
Internal Medicine
University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

Stuart Joseph McFarland*‡
Internal Medicine-Preliminary (2021)
Ophthalmology (2022)
University Hospitals – Jackson, Mississippi

Lane Allison McLendon‡
Pediatrics
University of Florida College of Medicine, Shands Hospital – Gainesville, Florida

Carly Turner McRae
Emergency Medicine
University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

Kimberly Lachelle McWilliams
Psychiatry
University of Alabama Medical Center – Birmingham, Alabama

Eric Ryan Midenberg
Research Fellowship
Emory University School of Medicine – Atlanta, Georgia

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‡Research Honors

Monica Mitta
Emergency Medicine
Eastern Virginia Medical School – Norfolk, Virginia

William Hamilton Moore♥
Internal Medicine
University of Tennessee Health Science Center – Memphis, Tennessee

Raymond Saeed Moosavi♥
Family Medicine
University of Alabama School of Medicine – Huntsville, Alabama

Angela S. Mosley-Johnson
Obstetrics & Gynecology
University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

Murphy Muse Mostellar*
General Surgery
University of North Carolina Hospitals – Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Scott Randolph Piechocki
Internal Medicine
LSU School of Medicine – New Orleans, Louisiana

Ravi S. Rajendra*♥
Orthopaedic Surgery
LSU School of Medicine – New Orleans, Louisiana

Gannon James Ray
Internal Medicine/Pediatrics
University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

Justin G. Rich
Emergency Medicine
Baylor Scott & White Medical Center – Temple, Texas

Morgan E. Roberts
General Surgery
University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

Jacob Roth Rosner
Obstetrics & Gynecology
St. Louis University School of Medicine – St. Louis, Missouri

Erin Olivia Schmale*‡
Family Medicine
St. Vincents East – Birmingham, Alabama

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‡Research Honors

Vishal J. Shroff*
Internal Medicine
Carolinas Medical Center – Charlotte, North Carolina

Kay Ann Simmons
General Surgery
LSU School of Medicine – New Orleans, Louisiana

Jordan Matthews Smith*♥
Urology
University of Florida College of Medicine – Gainesville, Florida

Joseph E. Stahl
General Surgery
Inova Fairfax Hospital – Falls Church, Virginia

Jacob A. Swords
General Surgery
West Virginia University School of Medicine – Morgantown, West Virginia

Richard Jay Trieu
Internal Medicine
University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson, Arizona

Adrienne Lee Vickers
Family Medicine
Cook County Health and Hospitals System – Chicago, Illinois

Macy J. Vickers‡
Obstetrics & Gynecology
University of South Alabama Hospitals – Mobile, Alabama

Patricia Ann Vogel
Obstetrics & Gynecology-Preliminary
New Hanover Regional Medical Center – Wilmington, North Carolina

James Wiley West
Family Medicine
Naval Hospital – Jacksonville, Florida

Zachary Bruce White II♥
Transitional Year (2021)
Brookwood Baptist Health – Birmingham, Alabama
Radiation Oncology (2022)
Stanford University – Stanford, California

Annie Yiran Xu
Obstetrics & Gynecology
WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center – Marietta, Georgia

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‡Research Honors

Hippocratic Oath



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 its Members.

That I will lead my life and practice my Art in uprightness and honor.

That into whatever house I will enter, it shall be for the good of the sick to the utmost of my power.

That, holding myself aloof from wrong, from corruption, from the tempting of others to vice,

I will exercise my Art solely for the cure of my patient,

and will give no drug, perform no operation for a criminal purpose, even if solicited, far less suggest it.

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

These things do I promise.

And in proportion as I am faithful to this, my oath, may happiness and good repute be ever mine.

In the opposite if I shall be foresworn.

Award Recipients

- Dean's Award.....Lauren Alexandra Galbraith Gibson
Awarded to the graduating senior who has accumulated the highest scholastic grade-point average for the full four years of medical school.
- Merck Award..... Joshua Phillip Dehart
Vishal J. Shroff
Awarded to senior students who have demonstrated superior academic achievement.
- Glasgow-Rubin Achievement Citations.....Lauren Alexandra Galbraith Gibson
Erin Olivia Schmale
Presented to those women students who graduate in the top ten percent of their class.
- Dr. Robert A. Kreisberg Endowed Award of Excellence.....Stuart Joseph McFarland
Awarded to a graduating senior student in the top 25% of the class who is distinguished in both the clinical and basic sciences. This student has demonstrated superior leadership and integrity, possesses a strong work ethic, and has performed in such a way as to earn the respect of his or her fellow students and faculty.
- The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award..... Dala Mohamad Eloubeidi
Alison Bolton, M.D.
Presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation to the senior student and to the faculty member nominated and selected by the senior class who have demonstrated outstanding compassion to patients and their families.
- Medical Alumni Leadership Award..... Zachary Bruce White II
Awarded to the senior student by vote of classmates, in recognition of outstanding leadership of the graduating class.
- Excellence in Public Health Award Ravi S. Rajendra
Presented by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Public Health Service to recognize the medical student who has demonstrated a commitment to public health and public health practice and has exhibited leadership and hard work with a passion and dedication to public health within the medical profession.
- Community Service Award..... Jessica A. Cook
Ravi S. Rajendra
Presented by the Medical Society of Mobile County to two senior medical students whose classmates believe best fulfill the ideals of humanitarian public service as demonstrated by superior awareness of, and achievement in, civic and community programs.
- SNMA Leadership Award Ashley Breanna Cainion
Awarded by the Student National Medical Association to a graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding community, school, and organizational service and leadership qualities.

- Adele Mantiply and Dr. Gerald Galle Pediatric Endowed Scholarship.....
Gannon James Ray
 Awarded to a graduating senior student who has accepted a position in a pediatric residency program at the University of South Alabama and intends to practice pediatrics in Mobile and/or Baldwin Counties.
- Ritha Baliga Memorial Medical Scholarship Tina Etminan
 Awarded to an outstanding senior student who demonstrates a merit ranking within the top 50% of the class and is interested in pursuing a career in Pediatric Health Care.
- Dr. Richard William Gurich Memorial Endowed Scholarship Grayson A. Domingue
 Awarded to a graduating senior student who has not only performed at the highest level during the third and fourth year, but has also demonstrated efficacy in patient relations and professionalism.
- Dr. William James Atkinson, Jr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship.....
Garrett Reid McClenny
 Presented to a fourth year medical student exhibiting exemplary character, possessing a dedication to the field of medicine, and demonstrating a commitment to compassionate patient care. This student is interested in primary care and plans to practice in the state of Alabama.
- Dr. Joseph G. Hardin, Jr. Memorial Scholarship.....William Hamilton Moore
 Awarded to a graduating senior student who is interested in pursuing a career in Internal Medicine.
- Henrietta Lacks Memorial Scholarship..... Zachary Bruce White II
 Established in 2021 by Margie Malone Tuckson and Dr. Reed V. Tuckson, this scholarship honors the life of Henrietta Lacks and the invaluable impact she has made in the advancement of science and medicine.
- John A. Desak Award Dala Mohamad Eloubeidi
 In honor of USA College of Medicine graduate Dr. Maryella Sirmon’s father, this award is presented to the highest ranking female in the graduating class who has accepted a residency in Internal Medicine.
- Steven Karl Teplick, M.D., FARC Memorial Award..... Allen Mao
 Awarded to a graduating senior student specializing in Radiology and committed to lifelong learning as exemplified by Dr. Steven Teplick.
- Cooke-Scott Scholarship.....William Brooks Burns
Lauren Alexandra Galbraith Gibson
 Samantha Noel Lee
 Jeanetta Morgan Malone
 Stuart Joseph McFarland
 Kimberly Lachelle McWilliams
 Awarded to a fourth year medical student/s wishing to pursue a career in the Neuroscience field (Neurology, Neurosurgery, Psychiatry, Ophthalmology) and who has demonstrated exemplary qualities and commitment to their field.

- Outstanding Student in the Pre-clerkship Curriculum.....
 Lauren Alexandra Galbraith Gibson
 Awarded to a graduating senior student for outstanding performance in the pre-clerkship curriculum.
- Award for Excellence in Teaching Clinical Skills..... Jordan Matthews Smith
 Awarded to a graduating senior student for outstanding teaching skills and student mentoring in the Clinical Skills program. This student has demonstrated a dedication to education in the field of Clinical Skills.
- Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics Excellence AwardRaymond C. Dolcelli
 Presented to a graduating senior student for demonstrating outstanding knowledge in basic and clinical pharmacology.
- Hollis J. Wiseman Award for Excellence in Pediatrics Tina Etminan
 Presented to the student who best exemplified Dr. Wiseman’s outstanding scholarship, compassion for patients and families, involvement in the profession and community, enthusiasm for exploration and steadfast love of family, friends and colleagues.
- Samuel Eichold AwardDala Mohamad Eloubeidi
 Presented to the graduating medical student who through scholarship, patient care, interaction with faculty and housestaff, and motivation, has demonstrated outstanding achievement in Internal Medicine.
- Dr. Michael M. Linder Endowed Award James Wiley West
 Awarded to a senior student who has accepted a residency in Family Medicine and exemplifies a commitment to family medicine, as practiced by Dr. Michael Linder, through astute clinical acumen based on the knowledge of the human body and evidence-based medicine. This student possesses a passion for teaching this knowledge and the art of family medicine to others, and demonstrates courage to do what is best for the whole patient and their family.
- Ralph Denny Wright and Anne G. Wright Memorial Scholarship.....Vishal J. Shroff
 Awarded to the senior student focusing on Internal Medicine/Family Practice, who strives to become a compassionate physician and skilled diagnostician as exemplified by Dr. Wright.
- The Orthopaedic Excellence Award Austin C. Atkins
 William Tanner Cox
 Grayson A. Domingue
 Ian Alexander Garrison
 Ravi S. Rajendra
 This award is presented to the graduating medical student who best personifies the compassion, selflessness, and tireless work ethic of Drs. Anderson, McBryde and Meyer. These students have shown excellence above all peers during their Orthopaedic rotations.

- John W. Donald Memorial Award in SurgeryAustin C. Atkins
Awarded to the senior student who best demonstrated clinical and academic excellence in the Surgery clerkship.
- H. C. Mullins, M.D. Award..... Adrienne Lee Vickers
Awarded by the faculty of the Department of Family Medicine to the graduating senior who demonstrated excellence in the ability to apply principles, practice, and philosophy of family medicine in caring for patients and their families. This award is given in honor of Dr. H. C. Mullins, Professor Emeritus and Founding Chair of the Department.
- Obstetrics and Gynecology Award.....Macy J. Vickers
Presented to the graduating medical student who, through scholarship, patient care, interaction with faculty and housestaff, and motivation, has demonstrated excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology.
- Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award..... Carly Turner McRae
This award is presented by the Department of Emergency Medicine to the graduating medical student who best exemplifies outstanding performance in emergency medical care.
- Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM) Award Monica Mitta
Presented on behalf of SAEM to the graduating medical student who has demonstrated excellence and academic proficiency in Emergency Medicine.
- Excellence in Psychiatry Award Samantha Noel Lee
Presented to the graduating medical student who through scholarship, patient care, motivation, and interaction with faculty and housestaff, has demonstrated excellence in Psychiatry.
- Faculty Awards:
 - Best Pre-Clerkship ModuleRespiratory
 - Best Pre-Clerkship Educator Abu-Bakr Al-Mehdi, M.D., Ph.D.
 - Best M3 Clerkship..... Obstetrics & Gynecology
 - Best Clerkship EducatorNicolette P. Holliday, M.D.

Scholarship Recipients

COM Dean's Scholarship

Connor Cocke Dala Eloubeidi
Kendall Garrison Alexis Kentros
Stuart McFarland Ravi Rajendra
Jordan M. Smith

COM Enrichment Award

Nkemdi Agwaramgbo Kaitlin Ervin
Jasmine Haralson Kimberly McWilliams
Angela Mosley-Johnson Zachary White

Charlotte H. and Samuel Eichold Scholarship

Austin Atkins Raymond Dolcelli
Grayson Domingue Tina Etminan
Brooks Lampkin

Medical Alumni Scholar Award

Monica Mitta Erin Schmale
Vishal Shroff

Crampton Trust

Charles Diard Verlisa Kennedy-Franklin
Jeanetta M. Malone Allen Mao
Gannon Ray

Blue Cross Scholarship

Hannah Brooks Angela Mosley-Johnson
Samantha Lee Kimberly McWilliams

Dr. Thomas J. Wool Endowed Scholarship

Erin Schmale

Thaddeus H. Waterman Scholarship

Lauren Gibson Murphy Mostellar

Ralph B. Chandler Scholarship

Vishal Shroff

William S. McKnight Scholarship

Jessica Cook Erin Schmale

USA Medical Faculty Guild Mendenhall Scholarship

Lauren Gibson

Regan Robinson-Young Memorial Scholarship

Zachary White

Daniel F. Sullivan Memorial Scholarship in Pediatrics

Tina Etminan

Donna B. Ledet Memorial Scholarship

Jordan M. Smith

L. W. Cave Family Endowed Scholarship

Carly McRae

Galen Garriga

Mark K. McDonald Memorial Fund

Jordan M. Smith

Mr. & Mrs. Mendel P. Goldstein Memorial Scholarship

Kaitlin Ervin

Cope Memorial Scholarship

Jessica Cook

Stephanie A. Marsh Medical Scholarship

Erin Schmale

Taylor-Davis Scholarship

Alexandrea Jager

Robert E. Russell Memorial Scholarship

Allen Mao

Virginia Webb Endowment

Kay Ann Simmons

Christian Grinaker Memorial Scholarship

W. Hamilton Moore

AΩA Scholarship

Murphy Mostellar

Semple Family Endowed Scholarship

Grayson Domingue

Barbara Corcoran Endowed Scholarship

Carly McRae

Raymond Moosavi

Pre-med Student Scholarship

Murphy Mostellar

Medical Alumni Class of 1981 Scholarship

Brooks Lampkin

Samuel J. Strada Endowed Scholarship

Verlisa Kennedy-Franklin

Ernest G. DeBakey Scholarship

Aliyah Kennedy

Clyde "Sid" Huggins Endowed Scholarship

Grayson Domingue

Mobile County Foundation for Public Higher Education Scholarship for Excellence

William Edwards

Academic/Honor Colors

Academic Colors

Faculty holding Doctoral level degrees wear a specific color on the front band of their hood (and sometimes the front band of their gown) denoting the type of doctoral degree they possess. Most College of Medicine faculty wear Green (Medicine), Dark Blue (Philosophy), or Light Blue (Education).

American universities followed the traditions of the European universities and adopted their own colors. As an example, the blue and crimson of the University of Kansas were chosen because the original faculty were divided equally between those wearing the blue of Yale and the crimson of Harvard. The gold and silver colors of the University of Colorado symbolize the mineral wealth which financed the university. The University of South Alabama is routinely referred to by its initials USA; consequently, the national colors of red, white, and blue were also adopted for our College. The University colors appear on the inside of each Doctoral hood, but can be clearly seen as the faculty pass in the aisle.

Honor Designations

Scarlet Sash - The seniors selected those members of the faculty who had the most meaningful input into their medical education. Faculty so honored wear a scarlet stole over their academic regalia. One extra special recognition was made from this group of faculty. The class selected Dr. Errol Crook to give the farewell charge to the class during this Commencement ceremony.

Gold Cord - Members of the class selected by their peers to the Arnold P. Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) wear the gold cord. GHHS honors medical students, residents, role-model physician teachers and other exemplars for demonstrated excellence in patient care, compassion and dedication to service. The Society is committed to working beyond medical education to inspire, nurture and sustain lifelong advocates for patient-centered medical care.

Green & Gold Cord - Members of the class who were elected to Alpha Omega Alpha (AΩA), the national medical honorary scholastic society, wear a green and gold cord over their academic regalia. The Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, founded in 1902, is the only honor society for medicine in the United States. The Alabama Beta Chapter of this organization elects members based on academic performance, character, leadership, professionalism and high attainment in medical science and the practice of medicine.

