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Commencement

2021



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celebrates the
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Doctor *of* Medicine
degrees



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A message from the president and dean

Today we confer Doctor of Medicine degrees upon our ninth class. Every year at commencement, I like to reflect on the ways in which each class is unique. The Class of 2021 presents an interesting duality. It is the first of some things and also the last of many. Like the Roman god Janus, this class is one that looks back on our past, but also forward to the future we envision for Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine.

Janus was the god of doors and gates, of transitions and of beginnings and ends. It is an apt metaphor, because in so many ways yours has been a transitional class. You are the last class to be photographed on the day of your White Coat Ceremony wearing jackets emblazoned “TCMC.” You are also, however, the first class offered the opportunity of admittance to the Abigail Geisinger Scholars Program. I am proud that there are five Abigail Geisinger Scholars among you today. Your class has experienced some of the innovations that will be built into the new curriculum that will launch with the new class arriving in August, particularly in the areas of technology, clinical skills and diversity, equity and inclusion. So, it’s fitting that your class includes our first REACH-HEI participant to receive a Geisinger Commonwealth doctorate. You are a class that has dealt with the adversity of a pandemic, but will not be the last to feel its profound and far-reaching effects on the education and milestones that mark the third and fourth years of medical school. And looking ahead, you are among the first to graduate into a post-pandemic world with “new normals,” ranging from how we greet one another to evolving concepts of personal space.

Transitions can be both joyful and sad. I know you must be full of happy anticipation about what lies ahead, but also already nostalgic for the friends and routines you established during medical school. I know this because I am experiencing the same range of emotions on this day, the last commencement I will celebrate as president and dean.

So, congratulations, Class of 2021! You personify for me everything that makes Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine so special. We remember and honor

our past, but we are not afraid to evolve and embrace innovation, change and our future. To me, this courage, resilience and creative thinking have come to be synonymous with a Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine diploma — and I have received enough feedback from fellow physicians, residency program directors and community members to know others believe this, too. Every student who crosses the stage today, through considerable personal effort, has earned the right to claim the privileges inherent in that diploma.

Best wishes, Class of 2021. I know that the experiences, growth and knowledge bound up in your piece of parchment will serve you well and make us proud in the years to come.

— Steven J. Scheinman, MD, FACP, FASN
President and Dean of Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine
Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer of Geisinger



Honorary degree recipient



Karen B. DeSalvo, MD, MPH, MSc
Chief Health Officer, Google Health

Karen B. DeSalvo, MD, MPH, MSc, is the chief health officer of Google Health. She is a physician executive working at the intersection of medicine, public health and information technology whose career has focused on improving health and eliminating disparities. She leads a team of health professionals at Google who provide clinical guidance for the development of inclusive research, products and services. Prior to joining Google, Dr. DeSalvo was national coordinator for health information technology and acted as the assistant secretary for health in the Obama administration. During her time at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Dr. DeSalvo focused on creating a more consumer-oriented, transparent and value-based health system. She served as the New Orleans health commissioner following Hurricane Katrina, and before that was vice dean for Community Affairs and Health Policy at the Tulane School of Medicine, where she was a practicing internal medicine physician, educator, researcher and leader. Dr. DeSalvo serves on the Council of the National Academy of Medicine.





History

Geisinger Commonwealth was established through the grassroots efforts of visionary individuals who foresaw what a community-based medical school would bring to the region and worked to make it a reality. Their goal was to provide more physicians and improved healthcare resources for the people of northeast and central Pennsylvania. The vision was to create a unique medical education experience that focused on caring for people in the context of their lives and in their community.

The roots of Geisinger Commonwealth began in 2004 with the Founding Seven. This group included area physicians Charles Bannon, MD, Gerald Tracy, MD, and Robert Wright, MD; businessmen and community leaders Robert Naismith, PhD, and Gerald Joyce; and attorneys Mark Perry and Michael Costello. The Northeastern Pennsylvania Medical Education Development Consortium was established by 2005. The consortium included business, medical, community and government representatives. After acquiring funding from sources including the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and other state, federal and private philanthropic sources, the Commonwealth Medical Education Corporation was formed.

The Commonwealth Medical College (TCMC) was incorporated in 2008 and welcomed its first class of Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree students and Master of Biomedical Sciences (MBS) degree students in August 2009.

In April 2011, TCMC opened the 185,000-square-foot Medical Sciences Building in Scranton that houses the medical and graduate degree programs.

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education granted TCMC full accreditation on June 27, 2014, and the Liaison Committee for Medical Education granted TCMC full accreditation on July 7, 2014.

TCMC integrated with Geisinger on Jan. 1, 2017, and became Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine.

Geisinger Commonwealth has administrative and educational space at hospitals in Atlantic City, Danville, Sayre, Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, as well as in Doylestown at the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center of Bucks County. The school has five regional campuses: AtlantiCare, Central, Guthrie, North and South, which are integral to the college's community-based education. Community engagement is part of the fiber of Geisinger Commonwealth. More than 1,200 clinical faculty members throughout the region provide students with early clinical experiences and training across the 4 years of medical education. Families throughout the region are generous in allowing students to follow them so they can appreciate the social context and the impact of illness on the lives of patients. Students are required to pursue research projects in quality improvement and community health.

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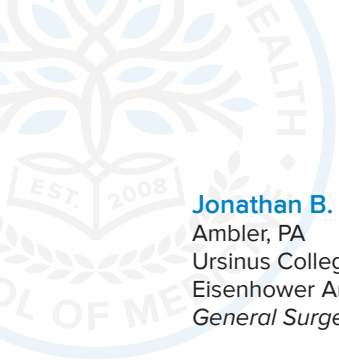
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Abigail Geisinger Scholars

Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine's Abigail Geisinger Scholars Program admits students committed to serving the patients of northeast and central Pennsylvania through their work as future Geisinger physicians. As participants in the program, Scholars are offered various experiences to expand their knowledge and professional skills within the field. Abigail Geisinger Scholars wear a pin with their academic regalia.

MD graduates who are Abigail Geisinger Scholars are denoted with ^.

Gold Humanism Honor Society

The Gold Humanism Honor Society was founded by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation, and honors medical students, residents and role-model physician teachers for “demonstrated excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service.” The society was organized to elevate the values of humanism and professionalism within the field of medicine. Members of the Gold Humanism Honor Society wear gold cords with their academic regalia.

Shubhra Shetty, MD, Faculty Advisor

*MD graduates in the Gold Humanism Honor Society are denoted with *.*

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society

Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine's (Theta of Pennsylvania) chapter of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society recognizes students who have achieved academic excellence during their medical school careers, while also demonstrating professionalism, leadership and service. The selected members wear green and gold cords with their academic regalia.

Margrit M. Shoemaker, MD, Councilor

MD graduates in the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society are denoted with Ω.

REACH-HEI

Regional Education Academy for Careers in Health – Higher Education Initiative (REACH-HEI) is a Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine program that serves low-income and/or first-generation-to-college youth in northeast and central Pennsylvania. REACH-HEI provides academic, mentoring and career planning support to enable their success in health-related professions and spans from high school to medical school. This year our first high school REACH-HEI graduate will accept a diploma wearing a silver stole with their academic regalia, a symbol we hope will become an enduring tradition.

MD graduates who were REACH-HEI students are denoted with §.



Oaths

at medical school commencement ceremonies

There is no evidence that the swearing of an oath at medical college graduation ceremonies was widespread at any time before the 20th century, but after World War II it grew to become a universal practice in the United States. Medical schools do not all use the same oath. Each year the members of Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine graduating class studies the tradition of oath-taking and examines themes exhibited in a variety of widely recognized oaths. These include the one derived from the writings of Hippocrates, an eminent Greek physician and scholar of the 4th century BCE. They study the Oath of Maimonides, which appears not actually to have been written by Maimonides, but rather by the physician Marcus Hertz, a student of Immanuel Kant, in 1793; and the Oath of a Muslim Physician, which draws from Islamic writings and was adopted by the Islamic Medical Association. The classes study the Geneva Oath, which was created by the World Medical Association in 1948

in response to the world's awareness of the complicity of physicians in Nazi atrocities. They also consider Dr. Louis Lasagna's 1964 oath, oaths written at other medical schools and oaths in other health professions.

For years our graduating classes consistently chose to use the oath crafted by The Commonwealth Medical College Charter Class of 2013. This text stands proudly among these historic versions for its eloquent embodiment of professional values. It stresses the intimacy of the relationship between physician and patient. It recognizes the graduands' roots in the community and an obligation to contribute to that community. Its concluding sentence is a widely admired sentiment of unknown origin that was cited frequently by one of the school's most beloved teachers, the late Raymond Smego, MD. In 2020 this became the official oath of Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine.

Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine Oath

Written by the Class of 2013

Today I commit myself to the calling of medicine. I stand beside my teachers in devotion to the care of the sick, the promotion of health, and the service of humanity.

I am privileged to be a part of my patients' lives. I will abandon my prejudices to walk with them on their journey through life and its pivotal transitions.

I will hold sacred the bond with my patients and guard that which is intimately shared.

I will collaborate with my colleagues in the best interests of my patients and society.

I will strive humbly to admit mistakes, make amends, and forgive others in acknowledgement of our common humanity.

I will use my intellectual curiosity to water the seeds I've been given and cultivate the growing tree of our medical knowledge.

I am grateful for the family and community that have brought me to this day and will honor them in the fulfillment of this oath.

I will hold myself to the highest standard, maintaining and furthering the ethics, integrity, and noble traditions of my profession.

I will be a doctor, a student, and a teacher beyond the confines of the bedside, in my community and in my daily life.

In doing so I will cure sometimes, relieve often, and comfort always.



Founders

Society

In the early days of Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine, a group of individuals, organizations, corporations and foundations stepped forward to ensure the success of the Commonwealth's new medical college through generous contributions for student scholarships and operations. We are sincerely grateful for their support and recognize them as members of our Founders Society.

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