

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Monday, May 18, 2026

Amistad Park

Invocation	Naa Lamley Amanuah Lawson
Class of 2026 Musical Piece	Alexander Borodin's String Quartet No 2: I. Allegro moderato Violin I, Judy Li Violin II, Suyeon Hong Viola, Grant Masao Young Cello, Kyungseok Jung
Welcome & Reflections	Nancy J. Brown, MD Jean and David W. Wallace Dean of the School of Medicine
Presentation of Faculty Awards	Nancy J. Brown, MD Jean and David W. Wallace Dean of the School of Medicine
The Charles W. Bohmfalk Prizes	
Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award Presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation	
The Leah M. Lowenstein Award	
The Alvan R. Feinstein Award	
The Francis Gilman Blake Award and The Betsy Winters House Staff Award Presented by 2026 Class Presidents Katrine N. Madsen and Diane Zhao	
Class of 2026 Gift	2026 Class Presidents Katrine N. Madsen and Diane Zhao

Introduction of Guest Speaker	Nancy J. Brown, MD Jean and David W. Wallace Dean of the School of Medicine
Commencement Address	Andrew Berg, MD <i>Emergency Medicine,</i> <i>Kaiser Permanente</i> <i>Co-founder of Sketchy</i>
Presentation of Degrees	Nancy J. Brown, MD Jean and David W. Wallace Dean of the School of Medicine Jessica Illuzzi, MD Deputy Dean for Education Sarwat Chaudhry, MD Associate Dean for Student Research Erica Herzog, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Student Research Barbara Kazmierczak, PhD, MD Director, MD-PhD Program Terri Tolson Registrar
2026 Yale Physician's Oath Followed by a Moment of Silence	John Francis, MD, PhD Associate Dean for Student Affairs
Closing	Nancy J. Brown, MD Jean and David W. Wallace Dean of the School of Medicine

Reception immediately following in the Harkness Courtyard and E.S. Harkness Lounge, 367 Cedar Street

Faculty Marshals

John Francis, MD, PhD
Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Jessica Illuzzi, MD
Deputy Dean for Education

Banner Bearer

Kirsten Gail Lalli

Student Marshals

Naa Lamley Amanuah Lawson
(Certificate in Global Medicine)
Katrine N. Madsen
Carlisle Elizabeth Winfield Topping
(MHS Health Sciences)
Diane Zhao

Commencement Piper

Jesse Ofgang

- ❖ Student awards will not be announced. Instead, the Class of 2026 wishes to honor each other for their mutual achievement of becoming physicians. Please refer to the recipients listed in this commencement booklet.

Graduates receiving awards are asked to collect them in Café Med following the ceremony.

AWARDS FOR FACULTY AND HOUSE STAFF

The Charles W. Bohmfalk Prizes. Established in 1989 under the terms of the Alice Bohmfalk Charitable Trust. Prestigious teaching prizes will be awarded annually to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the teaching program, one in the basic sciences and one in the clinical sciences, as judged by the faculty and students.

Basic Science: Mercedes Villanueva, MD

Clinical Science: Abhay Dhond, MD, MPH, FACP

The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award Presented by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation. Established in 1998 to honor the faculty member who demonstrates the highest standard of compassion and sensitivity in his or her interactions with patients.

Shaili Gupta, MBBS, MHS

The Leah M. Lowenstein Award. Presented annually by the Office for Women in Medicine to a faculty member who is the model of a medical educator whose humane teaching reaches and influences all students regardless of gender, race or socioeconomic background. These are the traits espoused by the late Leah Lowenstein, a medical educator and first female Dean of a co-educational medical school.

Angela Kang-Giaimo, MD, MPH

The Alvan R. Feinstein Award. Presented to a Yale School of Medicine faculty member chosen as the outstanding teacher of the year of clinical skills by a committee of chairs of the clinical departments, associate chairs and students.

Adnan Prsic, MD

The Francis Gilman Blake Award. Established in 1952 by Nu Sigma Nu. Endowed by Dr. Robert C. Kirk, B.S. Yale 1930s, as a memorial to his twin brother, Dr. Gilman Kirk, B.S. Yale 1930s. Awarded annually to that member of the faculty of the School of Medicine designated by the senior class as the most outstanding teacher of the medical sciences.

Samuel Buck, MD

The Betsy Winters House Staff Award. Presented annually to the member of the House Staff of the Yale-New Haven Medical Center, designated by the graduating class, who has made the most significant contribution to the education of medical students.

Sarah Householder, MD

STUDENT HONORS AND PRIZES

The Parker Prize. Established in 1914 by bequest from Frank J. Parker, Ph.D. 1895, M.D., 1898. Awarded annually to the graduating student who, during the course, has shown the best qualifications for a successful physician.

Dylan Rose Balter, Caroline Borden, Kirsten Gail Lalli, Suyeon Hong, Philip Ratnasamy, and Carlisle Elizabeth Winfield Topping

Norma Bailey Berniker Prize. Established in 1970 by bequest of John H. Bailey, B.A. 1900, M.D., 1903. To be awarded to that member of the graduating class who gives promise of best exemplifying the disciplines and precepts of the Oath of Hippocrates and Maimonides Prayer.

Nana Adenu-Mensah, Dylan Rose Balter, Rose Grace Bender, Paula Sofía Flores Pérez, Thomas Shaifer Jones, Naa Lamley Amanuah Lawson, Madeline McNamara, Anne Elder Mentzinger, Bassel M. Shanab, Elana R. Straus, Joshua Vogel, and Mica Carmen Green Williams

Miriam Kathleen Dasey Award. Established in 1950 in honor of Miriam Kathleen Dasey, Registrar from 1920 to 1950. This award is to be presented annually to students who by strength of character, personal integrity, and academic achievement, give promise of fulfilling the ideal of the compassionate physician.

Dhatri Ahalya Abeyaratne, Billy Allen, Olivia Hartley Belliveau, Caroline Borden, Warren Carter, Cole Tetsuo Cassady, Naa Lamley Amanuah Lawson, Arielle Richey Levine, Judy Li, Oghenewoma Praise Oghenesume, Nisarg Shah, Bassel M. Shanab, Elana R. Straus, McKenzie Tuttle, Johsua Vogel

The Perkins Prize. Awarded to a graduating student who achieves an outstanding performance on Step II of the National Board Medical Examination.

Jillian Rebecca Jaycox and Philip Ratnasamy

The Campbell Prize. Founded in 1900 by bequest from James Campbell, honorary M.A., 1891, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology from 1886 to 1899. Awarded to a graduating student who achieves an outstanding performance on Step II of the National Board Medical Examination.

Katrine N. Madsen and Joshua Vogel

The Dean's Prize for Community Service. This annual award recognizes the graduating student who, by leadership and service, has made major contributions to the School of Medicine, to the New Haven community, or to the community at large.

Nisarg Shah

The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award Supported by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation. Established to honor a graduating student who demonstrates the highest standard of compassion and sensitivity in their interaction with patients.

Cole Tetsuo Cassady and Elana R. Straus

The Cortlandt Van Rensselaer Creed Award. Established in 1999 in honor of Cortlandt Van Rensselaer Creed (YSM Class of 1857). The award is presented to a graduating student in the MD or Physician Associate program who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, a strong commitment to the Yale School of Medicine community, and exemplary leadership in advancing the mission and vision of the Office of Collaborative Excellence and Student Engagement (OCESE).

Calvin Fang, Bassel M. Shanab, Roselyn Terrazos-Moreno, and Naa Lamley Amanuah Lawson

ACP Internal Medicine Award. Awarded to a graduating student who will be entering a categorical or primary care internal medicine residency in Connecticut and has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and community service.

Omar Qureshi

New England Pediatric Society Prize. Awarded to that member of the graduating class entering pediatrics who in the opinion of peers and faculty best exemplifies those qualities one looks for in a pediatrician. “A competent, caring, good humored person who I would want to take care of my children”.

McKenzie Tuttle

The John M. Leventhal Award is given annually to a Yale medical student who advances child health through advocacy, research, and exemplary clinical care, demonstrating the highest level of responsibility and commitment to the care of patients and their families.

Dhatri Ahalya Abeyaratne

American Academy of Neurology Award. Awarded to recognize a graduating medical student for excellence in clinical neurology.

Rafael Seth Maarek

Connecticut Chapter of American College of Surgeons Prize. Awarded to a graduating student for excellence in surgical sciences.

Connor Virginia Haynes

The Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Award. Awarded to the student who has demonstrated excellence in the specialty of emergency medicine.

Kirsten Gail Lalli

Mila Rainof Award. The Mila Rainof Award will be given each year to a graduating medical student entering the field of Emergency Medicine who, like Mila, has contagious enthusiasm for caring for patients, while bringing attention, kindness and compassion to each interaction.

Carlisle Elizabeth Winfield Topping

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists' James F.X. Egan Prize. Bestowed upon a member of the graduating class who has demonstrated the best potential to emulate Dr. Egan's outstanding clinical and academic skills upon entering the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Christine Y. Liu

The C. Winternitz Prize in Pathology. Established in 1950 in honor of Milton Charles Winternitz, honorary M.A. 1917, Professor of Pathology and Bacteriology 1917 to 1925, Anthony N. Brady Professor of Pathology 1925 to 1950. Awarded to the student who, in the opinion of the staff of the Department of Pathology, has done outstanding work in the course.

Amanda T. Jeng

The MD-PhD Award. This prize is awarded to an outstanding member of the graduating MD-PhD class who has shown excellence in both research and clinical activities.

Brandon Thomas Hubbard, Pasha Davoudian, and Jillian Rebecca Jaycox

The MD-PhD Alumni Award. This prize is awarded to graduating MD-PhD students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievements, leadership, and service.

Samantha Jan Olyha and Elizabeth Ka-yeon Woo

The Selma and Karl Folkers Prize in Biomedical Research is awarded to graduating MD-PhD students whose thesis research has demonstrated excellence in basic cell and molecular biology.

Elsie Gonzalez-Hurtado, Tyler Barry Jensen, Sidharth Tyagi, and Sijin Zheng

THESIS PRIZES

The MD Thesis Prizes are supported by the following endowed funds in recognition of outstanding student thesis research:

Established in 1880 by bequest from Mary M. Keese in memory of her son, Hobart Kesse, M.D. 1855 and awarded annually to recognize outstanding student thesis research.

Established in 1934 and endowed in 1937 by anonymous donors in honor of Harry Burr Ferris, 1887, M.D. 1890 to recognize outstanding thesis research at graduation.

Founded in 1973 by bequest from Louis H. Nahum, M.D. 1916. Awarded annually to recognize excellence of the student thesis written as required for the medical degree.

Established in 2010, in memory of Dr. Abraham White, who served as a distinguished teacher and scholar of Physiological Chemistry at Yale from 1931 – 1948, awarded annually to recognize outstanding student thesis research.

MD Thesis Prize in Basic Science

Helen Cai
Connor Virginia Haynes

Katrine N. Madsen

MD Thesis Prize in Clinical Research

Serina S. Applebaum
Olivia Hartley Belliveau
Suyeon Hong
Addiskidan Hundito Tamiru
Andrew Johnson
Thomas Shaifer Jones

Martha Kebeh
Judy Li
Madeline McNamara
Sabrina Maariyah Saeed
Roselyn Terrazos-Moreno

MD Thesis Prize in Genomics Research

Caroline Margaret Echeandia-
Francis

Anne Elder Mentzinger
Kane Hua Wu

William Mao Jiang

MD Thesis Prize in Health Equity

Michael R. Nock
Kevin Okifo

Nisarg Shah
Grant Masao Young

MD Thesis Prize in Health Services Research

Billy Allen
Dylan Rose Balter
Caroline Borden

Sarah Ho
Bassel M. Shanab

MD Thesis Prize in Informatics Research

Cole Tetsuo Cassady

Matteo Rosati

MD Thesis Prize in Medical Education

Arielle Richey Levine
Jack McCarthy

Carlisle Elizabeth Winfield
Topping

MD Thesis Prize in Translational Research

Rafael Seth Maarek

Kaitlyn Alana Stoehr

The MD-PhD Thesis Prize

Nathaniel Bachtel

The Selma and Karl Folkers Prize in Biomedical Research

Trevan K. Klug

MD Thesis Prize in Biomedical Imaging

Shayan Smani

MD Thesis Prize in Digital Healthcare

Neeraj Gautam Patel

Leena Surapaneni

MD Thesis Prize in Environmental Health Sciences

Sara Helen Locke

JOINT AND DUAL DEGREES, CERTIFICATES AND CONCENTRATIONS

Students Receiving the MD and PhD Degrees

Nathaniel Bachtel	Amanda T. Jeng
Joseph Brancale	Tyler Barry Jensen
Pasha Davoudian	Ann Johnson
Calvin Fang	Samantha Jan Olyha
Elsie Gonzalez-Hurtado	Sakura Oyama
Kerrie Alisa Greene	Sidharth Tyagi
Brandon Thomas Hubbard	Elizabeth Ka-yoon Woo
Jillian Rebecca Jaycox	Sijin Zheng

Students Receiving the MD and MHS Degrees

Nana Adenu-Mensah	Katrine N. Madsen
Serina S. Applebaum	Gwyneth Claire Maloy
Dylan Rose Balter	Jack McCarthy
Olivia Hartley Belliveau	Anne Elder Mentzinger
Helen Cai	Andrew William Schwartz
Connor Virginia Haynes	Kaitlyn Alana Stoehr
Arielle Richey Levine	Carlisle Elizabeth Winfield
Judy Li	Topping
Rafael Seth Maarek	

Students Receiving the MD and MBA Degrees

Yishak Bedaso	Nisarg Shah
Oghenewoma Praise	Shayan Smani
Oghenesume	Leena Surapaneni
Philip Ratnasamy	Diane Zhao

Student Receiving the MD and MPH Degrees

Naa Lamley Amanuah Lawson	Paul Irvin Serrato
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**Student Receiving the MD and Certificate
in Global Medicine**

Naa Lamley Amanuah Lawson
Arielle Richey Levine

Paul Irvin Serrato

**Students Receiving the MD with a Concentration
in Medical Education**

Suyeon Hong
Arielle Richey Levine
Rafael Seth Maarek

Jack McCarthy
Laura Swain
Ethan Y. Wang

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE 2026

Dhatri Ahalya Abeyaratne

BA, Brown University

Cash Assistance for Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence: A Qualitative Study

Pediatrics. Boston Children's Hospital/Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA

Nana Adenu-Mensah

BSc, Cornell University; MPH, Columbia University; MHS, Yale University

Methylenetetrahydrofolate Reductase (MTHFR) Polymorphisms and Neural Tube Defects in African Populations: A Global Meta-Analysis and Population Genetic Characterization in Uganda

Neurological Surgery. Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH

Bachar Ahmad

BS, Wayne State University; MPH, Johns Hopkins University

The Burden of Surgical Care on Patients at a Tertiary Care Center in Malawi

Internal Medicine. Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD

Olamiposi Akinsooto

BA, Columbia University

Acne is Associated with Migraine in Adolescents: A Retrospective Cohort Study

Billy Allen

BA, Bowdoin College

Opportunities to Address Alcohol Use with Community-based HIV Testing: A Parallel Mixed Methods Study

Emergency Medicine. University of California (San Francisco) Program, San Francisco, CA

Serina S. Applebaum

BS, University of Southern California; MHS, Yale University
Lapses in Care Among Patients with Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy: A Mixed-Methods Study

Medicine-Preliminary (Ophthalmology). Olive View/UCLA Medical Center Program, Sylmar, CA

Ophthalmology. UCLA Health Stein Eye Institute, Los Angeles, CA

Nathaniel Bachtel

BS, The George Washington University; PhD, Yale University
Intestinal Mast Cell Control of Behavioral and Oral Anaphylactic Responses

Internal Medicine (Physician Scientist). Mass General Brigham/Brigham and Women's Hospital Program, Boston, MA

Dylan Rose Balter

BA, Johns Hopkins University; MHS, Yale University
Variation in Jail Incarceration Frequency, Duration, and Transfer and Risk of Death After Release

Internal Medicine. Mass General Brigham/Massachusetts General Hospital Program, Boston, MA

Olugbenro Bamidele

BSc, Illinois State University
Poly(ADP-ribosyl)ation of TUG Proteins: Implications for Insulin-Regulated Glucose Uptake

Psychiatry. Chicago Medical School/Rosalind Franklin University, Chicago, IL

Yishak Bedaso

BS, University of Colorado Denver; MBA, Yale University
A Questionnaire Assessing Attitudes and Readiness for HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Therapy for Community Members At-Risk for HIV Acquisition in Liberia

Anesthesiology. McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University Program, Chicago, IL

Selma Belkasim

BS, MS, Georgia State University

Impact of Sociodemographic Factors on Outcomes in Adults with Acute Cervical Spinal Cord Injury

Anesthesiology. Yale-New Haven Medical Center Program, New Haven, CT

Olivia Hartley Belliveau

BA, MHS, Yale University

Predictors and Outcomes of Palliative Care Consultation in Veterans with Alcohol-Associated Hepatitis

Internal Medicine. Yale-New Haven Medical Center Program, New Haven, CT

Rose Grace Bender

BS, Yale University; MSc, University of Washington

Estimating PrEP and Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision Prevalence in Three High HIV Burden Countries

Internal Medicine. UCLA Medical Center Program, Los Angeles, CA

Caroline Borden

BS, Yale University

Insulin Rationing in the United States: Scope, Consequences, and the Early Impact of Policy Reform

Internal Medicine/Pediatrics. Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD

Joseph Brancale

AB, Harvard University; PhD, Yale University

Integrating Genomics and Experimental Models to Uncover Mechanisms of Liver Pathobiology

Internal Medicine (Physician Scientist). Yale-New Haven Medical Center Program, New Haven, CT

Helen Cai

BS, MHS, Yale University

Transcriptomic Characterization of Regionally Differentiating Transient Cortical Circuit Scaffolds

Internal Medicine. Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA

Warren Carter

BA, Colgate University

Infrainguinal Revascularization Outcomes and Frequency of Reinterventions using National Registries

Surgery-Preliminary. Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

Cole Tetsuo Cassady

BS, Boston College

A Machine Learning Tool for Predicting End-Stage Renal Disease Within One-Year of Heart Transplantation

Internal Medicine. Yale-New Haven Medical Center Program, New Haven, CT

Nazar Ahammad Chowdhury

BS, Yale University

A New Patient-Reported Outcome Measure for Women with Ischemia and Nonobstructive Coronary Arteries

Anesthesiology. Yale-New Haven Medical Center Program, New Haven, CT

Pasha Davoudian

BA, University of Virginia; PhD, Yale University

Circuit and Cell Class Specific Effects of Psilocybin and Serotonergic Psychedelics

Psychiatry (Research). University of California (San Francisco) Program, San Francisco, CA

Rushabh H. Doshi

BA, Johns Hopkins University; MPH, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; MSc, University of Oxford

Regional Inequities in Colon Cancer Surgical Care: Treatment Delay Patterns Across U.S. Facilities

Internal Medicine. University of Southern California/LA General Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

Caroline Margaret Echeandia-Francis

BA, Washington University in St. Louis

Epidermal Differentiation Disorders Across the Lifespan: Growth, Ophthalmologic, and Perinatal Manifestations

Transitional. John Peter Smith Hospital, Fort Worth, TX

Dermatology. University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Program, Dallas, TX

Salah Eldein Elkattawy

BA, New York University

An Exploration of Student Approaches Towards Note-Taking in Medical School

Ahmed Elzamzami

BS, Christopher Newport University

Prevalence of k13 Mutant Malaria Parasites in Busia, Uganda

Emergency Medicine. Alameda Health System-Highland Hospital Program, Oakland, CA

Calvin Fang

BS, Cornell University; PhD, Yale University

Functional Diversity of Somatostatin Interneurons in Visual Cortical Circuits

Psychiatry (Research). University of Washington Affiliated Hospitals, Seattle, WA

Tiana L. Fernandez

BS, Brown University

Influence of Demographics on Research Participation in Female Patients Undergoing Ambulatory Surgery

Anesthesiology. University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler Program, Tyler, TX

Paula Sofia Flores Perez

BA, Boston University

Quantitative Assessment of Morphologic Change Following Facial Feminization Surgery

Plastic Surgery (Integrated). Yale-New Haven Medical Center Program, New Haven, CT

Elsie Gonzalez-Hurtado

BS, University of California, Riverside; PhD, Yale University

Nerve-Associated Macrophages Control Adipose Homeostasis Across Lifespan and Restrain Age-Related Inflammation

Immunobiology Research. New Haven, CT

Kerrie Alisa Greene

BS, BS, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; PhD,

Yale University

Inducing Blood-Brain Barrier Permeability for Therapeutic Benefit and Understanding the Neuroimmunologic Impacts of Chronic Disease

Neurological Surgery. McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University Program, Chicago, IL

Connor Virginia Haynes

BA, University of Virginia; MHS, Yale University

Spatial Transcriptomic Insights into Lung Pathology and Fetal Therapy in Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia

General Surgery. Mass General Brigham/Massachusetts General Hospital Program, Boston, MA

Brian Hilton

BS, MS, Brigham Young University

Repurposing Ezetimibe as a Therapeutic for Parkinson's Disease: Evaluating the Therapeutic Potential and Probing for a Mechanism

Medicine-Preliminary. UCSF Health-St. Mary's Hospital, San Francisco, CA

Sarah Ho

BA, Columbia University

Transitions of Care for Incarcerated Populations: Impact on Health Outcomes and Policy Recommendations

Internal Medicine. University of California (San Francisco) Program, San Francisco, CA

Joshua Hobbs

BA, Rice University; MHA, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
RNS-Based Early Prediction of Antiseizure Medication Efficacy

Neurology. Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY

Christine Myriam Hodelin

BS, St. John's University

Associating Inflammatory Dermatoses and Gynecological Disorders Using the National Institutes of Health's All of Us Research Program

Medicine-Preliminary. Yale-New Haven Medical Center Program, New Haven, CT

Dermatology. University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY

Suyeon Hong

BA, Yale University

Monitoring for Adverse Psychosocial Outcomes in Survivors of Severe Cutaneous Adverse Reactions

Medicine-Preliminary. Yale-New Haven Medical Center Program, New Haven, CT

Helia Hosseini

BS, Azad University, Tehran; MS, University of California, Los Angeles

Facial Harmony and Gender Congruence: Patient-Reported Outcomes of Gender-Affirming Facial Surgery Using the GENDER-Q and GPSQ

Surgery-Preliminary. University of Washington Affiliated Hospitals, Seattle, WA

Brandon Thomas Hubbard

BS, Oklahoma State University; PhD, Yale University

Development and Application of Q-Flux: Insights into Liver and Renal Cortical Mitochondrial Metabolism

Transitional. St. Anthony Hospital Program, Oklahoma City, OK

Diagnostic Radiology. University of California (San Francisco) Program, San Francisco, CA

Addiskidan Hundito Tamiru

BS, University of Maryland

Surgical Outcomes of Ab Externo XEN Implantation with Technique Modifications in Patients with Glaucoma

Medicine-Preliminary (Ophthalmology). Yale-New Haven Medical Center Program, New Haven, CT

Ophthalmology. Yale-New Haven Medical Center Program, New Haven, CT

Kavita Israni-Winger

BS, University of Toronto; PhD, Yale University

The Role of Type I IFNs in Fasting Metabolism

Pediatrics (Research). Washington University/St. Louis Children's Hospital, St. Louis, MO

Christina Juliette Jayaraj

BS, BA, University of Miami

Ocular Phenotypes of Systemic Vascular Risk: Associations of Retinal Vascular Occlusions and Glaucoma with Cardiovascular Disease

Medicine-Preliminary (Ophthalmology). Yale-New Haven Medical Center Program, New Haven, CT

Ophthalmology. Yale-New Haven Medical Center Program, New Haven, CT

Rahul Jayaram

BS, Brown University

Trends, Predictors, and Cerebrovascular Outcomes of Vertebral Artery Injury in Cervical Fractures

Transitional. St. Joseph's Medical Center Program, Stockton, CA

Diagnostic Radiology. Yale-New Haven Medical Center Program, New Haven, CT

Jillian Rebecca Jaycox

BS, Carnegie Mellon University; MPhil, University of Cambridge; PhD, Yale University

Understanding Autoantibody Responses During Infection, Inflammation, and Post-Viral Syndromes

Transitional. St. Anthony Hospital Program, Oklahoma City, OK

Radiation Oncology. University of California (San Francisco) Program, San Francisco, CA

Amanda T. Jeng

BA, Washington University in St. Louis; PhD, Yale University

Disruption of the RhoGEF TRIO in Neurodevelopmental Disorders Leads to Impairments in Multiple Domains of Function

Pathology (Anatomic & Clinical). Yale-New Haven Medical Center Program, New Haven, CT

Tyler Barry Jensen

BS, Northeastern University; PhD, Yale University

From Nucleosomes to Chromosomes: Uncovering Developmental Regulators of Genome Architecture

Internal Medicine. Mass General Brigham/Brigham and Women's Hospital Program, Boston, MA

William Mao Jiang

BS, The Ohio State University

A Spatial Transcriptomic Atlas and Cellular Lineage-Based Analysis of Chondroblastoma

Orthopaedic Surgery. Stanford Health Care, Redwood City, CA

Andrew Johnson

BS, University of California, Davis

Prevalence, Predictors, and Consequences of Postoperative Dysphagia After Aortic Surgery

Internal Medicine-Primary Care. Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD

Ann Johnson

BS, Georgia Institute of Technology; PhD, Yale University

Implementation Science to Improve Delivery of Evidence-Based Practices for People Living with HIV in Ukraine and Southern Africa

Psychiatry (Adult & Child). Yale-New Haven Medical Center Program, New Haven, CT

Thomas Shaifer Jones

BS, Sewanee: The University of the South

Cross-Sectional Analysis of the Hepatitis C Care Cascade Among People Who Use Drugs in New Haven, CT

Emergency Medicine. Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA

Kyungseok Jung

BS, The University of Texas at Austin

Financial Hardship and Health Outcomes in Long COVID: Findings from the Yale LISTEN Cohort

Internal Medicine. University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Program, Dallas, TX

Martha Kebeh

AB, Harvard University

Assessing the Role of Soft Tissue Envelope Thickness in Humeral Shaft Fracture Treatment Outcomes

Orthopaedic Surgery. Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY

Treva K. Klug

BS, California Polytechnic University San Luis Obispo

Intersection of Capacity Law and Neurodegenerative Disease with a Focus on Alzheimer's Medication

Pathology (Anatomic & Clinical). New York Presbyterian Hospital (Columbia) Program, New York, NY

Elianna Knight

BS, MS, Stanford University

Computational Design and Experimental Validation of Nanobody Binders Targeting Midkine

PhD Program in Computational Biology & Biomedical Informatics. Yale University, New Haven, CT

Kirsten Gail Lalli

BA, Colgate University; MSTI, National Intelligence University

Sharing Unexpected News After Traumatic Death: A Modified Delphi Study

Emergency Medicine. Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, TX

Naa Lamley Amanuah Lawson

BA, Washington University in St. Louis; MPH, Certificate in Global Medicine, Yale University

Tone Matters: Advancing Equity Through a Pilot Intervention to Increase Exposure of Clinical Findings in Skin of Color

Emergency Medicine. Stanford Health Care, Stanford, CA

Arielle Richey Levine

BA, University of Pennsylvania; MS, Columbia University; MHS, Certificate in Global Medicine, Yale University

Joint Venture: Curriculum Design, Implementation and Evaluation for a Novel Interdisciplinary Musculoskeletal Medicine Elective

Orthopaedic Surgery. Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Program, Torrance, CA

Judy Li

BA, Vanderbilt University; MHS, Yale University

Frailty and Functional Decline after Elective Endovascular Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair

Vascular Surgery (Integrated). Stanford Health Care, Stanford, CA

Christina Y. Liu

BA, MS, Northwestern University

Practice Patterns in Vulvar Cancer Staging Procedures: A National Survey

Obstetrics and Gynecology. Yale-New Haven Medical Center Program, New Haven, CT

Sara Helen Locke

BA, Yale University

Climate-Related Health Risks in U.S. Hospital Community Health Needs Assessments

Emergency Medicine. Mass General Brigham, Boston, MA

Richard Julian Lozano

BSc, Carnegie Mellon University

MR Perfusion in Acute Ischemic Stroke and Neurovascular Conditions: Utilization, Diagnostic Yield, and Implications for Management from an 11-Year Health System Analysis

Internal Medicine. St. Clair Health, Pittsburgh, PA

Rafael Seth Maarek

BS, University of Southern California; MHS, Yale University

Neurophysiologic Responses to Endovascular Interventions for Delayed Cerebral Ischemia Management

Neurology. UCLA Medical Center Program, Los Angeles, CA

Katrine N. Madsen

BA, University of California, Berkeley; MHS, Yale University

Impact of HIF-2 α Inhibition on Human T Cell Phenotype and Function in Renal Cell Carcinoma

Internal Medicine. Yale-New Haven Medical Center Program, New Haven, CT

Gwyneth Claire Maloy

BA, Williams College; MHS, Yale University

Disparities in Inpatient Postoperative Opioid Administration After Posterior Scoliosis Fusion

Orthopaedic Surgery. Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, RI

Ami Mange

BS, Johns Hopkins University

Analysis of Salivary Biomarkers as Predictive Measures for Personalized Seizure Forecasting

Neurology. Washington University/Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, MO

Jack McCarthy

BS, Johns Hopkins University; MHS, Yale University

"It Made Me Want to Get into Healthcare Even More": A Simulation-Based Healthcare Mentoring Program

Emergency Medicine. Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD

Madeline McNamara

BS, Santa Clara University

Clinical and Histopathologic Classification of Actinic Damage to Predict Risk of Skin Cancer Development

Medicine-Preliminary. Kaiser Permanente-Santa Clara Medical Center, Santa Clara, CA

Anne Elder Mentzinger

AB, Harvard College; MHS, Yale University

Clinical Utility of Genetic Evaluation in Adults with Unexplained Cholestasis: A Multicenter Study

Medicine-Preliminary. Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, Camden, NJ

Sean Mullane

BS, MS, Stanford University

Establishing a Novel Modulated Shielding Applicator for Cervical Cancer High-Dose-Rate Brachytherapy

Emergency Medicine. Stanford Health Care, Stanford, CA

Michael R. Nock

BA, Harvard College

Barriers to Care Among Sexual and Gender Minority Adults with Chronic Inflammatory Skin Diseases

Medicine-Preliminary. Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA

Dermatology. Yale-New Haven Medical Center Program, New Haven, CT

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BS, University of Riverside, California; MBA, Yale University
Disparities in Low Back Pain Diagnosis and Treatments for Patients with Cerebral Palsy

Transitional. Lemuel Shattuck Hospital, Boston, MA

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Mass General Brigham/
Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Charlestown, MA

Kevin Okifo

BS, University of Connecticut

Social Drivers of Healthcare Access in Pediatric Autoimmune Disease: A U.S. Analysis (2022–2023)

Pediatrics. UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland Program, Oakland, CA

Samantha Jan Olyha

BS, Cornell University; MRes, University of Oxford; PhD, Yale University

Transcription Factor ELF4 Modulates Cytokine-Mediated Inflammation

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Class of 2026 Physician's Oath

In the tradition of our predecessors, witnessed by our families, friends, and colleagues, and in service to our future patients, we make these pledges:

We pledge ourselves to the benefit of the sick and vulnerable, to do no harm, as all humans are deserving of our highest degree of care. We will regard those we care for as people first and patients second.

We pledge to treat each person with dignity and compassion, regardless of their identities, backgrounds, or beliefs – even when they differ from our own. We vow to honor the rights of all to receive care, regardless of the social or political climate.

We pledge to use our privilege as physicians to advocate for patients, especially the most vulnerable. We recognize that true healing extends beyond medicine. We will challenge historical injustices and systemic inequities to ensure that our practice of medicine does not repeat or reinforce past wrongs.

We pledge to respect the scientific process, recognizing that the practice of medicine is guided by evidence. We will recognize the contributions of others with gratitude, learn from our mistakes, acknowledge our limitations, and seek guidance when uncertain.

We pledge to listen first and counsel second. We will remember that there is art to medicine as well as science, and that warmth, sympathy, and understanding may outweigh the surgeon's knife or the chemist's drug.

We pledge not to let personal gain or external pressures sway our judgment of what is best for our patients. We vow to always remember that the practice of this profession is a privilege and an honor.

Finally, we pledge to care for ourselves and our peers, so we may long experience the joy of healing those who seek our help.

With this oath, we bind ourselves to each other and to the practice of medicine, as stewards of Healing, vanguards of Justice, and torchbearers of Reason—on this day and for all days to come.

FOOTNOTE: With language inspired by and adapted from the Hippocratic Oath, the Modern Hippocratic Oath, Declaration of Geneva Physician's Oath, the World Health Organization Constitution, the Imperial College School of Medicine's Declaration of a New Doctor, and the classes of Yale School of Medicine which came before us.