



# COMMENCEMENT

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CLASS *of* 2020



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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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To the NEOMED Community:

Welcome to the 40<sup>th</sup> Northeast Ohio Medical University Commencement. While this is not the Commencement ceremony we initially envisioned, it is a demonstration of the NEOMED spirit to persevere and excel, even during the most challenging of times.

Each year, our graduates leave NEOMED to become leaders in the health professions. While the 2020 class will go forth to shape the industry for decades to come, the circumstances they are facing are completely unique. The 2020 class will immediately be on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic, facing unprecedented challenges and working to provide solutions that are desperately needed in a time of crisis.

Our graduates don't have to look very far to find NEOMED alumni leading during times of crisis. They can look to Joseph Zarconi, M.D., who was part of the first graduating class at NEOMED in 1981. Today he has the honor of serving as a hooder for the College of Medicine after being selected by students. Dr. Zarconi has also provided instrumental leadership as the University's medical director during the COVID-19 pandemic. Graduates can also look to Jaclyn Boyle, Pharm.D., a 2012 graduate who helps manage a Facebook group of more than 40,000 pharmacy professionals. She often provides insight to the media and others on topics such as albuterol shortages in light of COVID-19. An assistant dean for the College of Pharmacy, Dr. Boyle was also selected by students to serve as a hooder today.

Of course you all have heard about 1990 NEOMED graduate and director of the Ohio Department of Health, Dr. Amy Acton. Her miraculous story and work during the pandemic combine with that of

many other NEOMED graduates to serve as proof that our students are destined to be leaders in health care, science and education.

People will soon look to today's graduates not only for their expertise, but for reassurance and guidance during such challenging times.

I have no doubt that this year's graduating class is up to this extraordinary challenge.

I would like to offer a special thank you to Sandra Emerick, Ed.D., and her team in the Office of Student Services for making today's ceremony possible. When it became evident that an in-person Commencement ceremony would not be able to go as planned, Dr. Emerick and others quickly began working alongside students, faculty and staff to provide a creative way for our students to celebrate their exceptional accomplishments with each other and their loved ones.

It fills me with pride to see yet another example of the dedication that NEOMED faculty and staff have to creating an exceptional student experience.

Congratulations to our newest physicians, pharmacists, researchers and other health professionals! Enjoy this special day of celebration as a reflection of your remarkable achievements during your time at NEOMED. I look forward to seeing your success stories as you become leaders in your health professions.

Sincerely,

John T. Langell  
*President*

# ABOUT NORTHEAST OHIO MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

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For more than 40 years, Northeast Ohio Medical University has been changing the lives of individuals in the region through the innovative teaching of tomorrow’s physicians, pharmacists, public health officials and health care researchers.

## MISSION

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Northeast Ohio Medical University, through education, research and service, improves the health, economy and quality of life of the diverse communities of Northeast Ohio.

## VISION

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To be the premier community-based interprofessional health sciences university in the United States.

## VALUES

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Our values are reflected in the Six Cs of our educational, research and work environment:  
Competence, Communication, Caring, Curiosity, Character and Community.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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*NEOMED is committed to preparing students for a health care career in a multicultural environment by increasing the diversity of the student body, faculty and staff and by enhancing policies, procedures and practices that support a collaborative environment.*

*NEOMED is an equal opportunity employer and educator.*



# NORTHEAST OHIO MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

## DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

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### COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

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#### Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)

The degree curriculum fuses behavioral, biological, clinical, community health and social sciences with the humanities. Students are grounded in the complex interplay of these disciplines as they pertain to patient care and health outcomes.

### COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

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#### Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)

This program offers an interprofessional curriculum that blends classroom and practice experiences to provide the knowledge, skills and professionalism that is necessary to succeed as a pharmacist.

### COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

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#### Master of Arts in Medical Ethics and Humanities

The Master of Arts in Medical Ethics and Humanities Program gives students the opportunity to follow one of two tracks: the health humanities and clinical ethics. Prior to and throughout their chosen track, students acquire foundational tools to critically examine concepts and issues relevant to health and disease, medical culture, social justice, therapeutic values, and community care. Through a rich array of coursework, writing assignments, practicum experiences, and standardized patient training, humanities scholars and clinical ethicists build students’ knowledge and skills toward their future career interests in scholarship, teaching, policy and health care regulation, and clinical ethics consultation.

#### Master of Modern Anatomical Sciences

The Modern Anatomical Sciences program is designed to train the next generation of anatomists and anatomy educators. The program provides a high volume of hands-on experience in a research setting and the opportunity to work and learn as part of an interprofessional team with health care professionals.

#### Master of Public Health

A program that provides graduates with a foundation of public health skills and knowledge, including analytic skills, research strategies, community assessment methods, program implementation, evaluation and policy development within an ethical and culturally sensitive perspective.

#### Master of Science in Health-System Pharmacy Administration

The degree program is designed for individuals who wish to build on their professional competence and enable them to manage complex health-system pharmacy departments at the institutional and departmental levels.

#### Doctor of Philosophy or Master of Science in Integrated Pharmaceutical Medicine

The main objective of the degree program is to educate and develop first-rate scholars and independent investigators within an integrated curriculum. Graduates of this program will have a unique perspective on the linkage of pharmaceutical sciences to medical disciplines, especially regarding disease mechanisms and targets for therapeutic interventions.

#### Bioethics Certificate

A program designed to combine clinical practice with ethics consultation, education and research.

# ACADEMIC REGALIA

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The academic regalia worn at commencement is of medieval origin and dates back to the 11<sup>th</sup> century. The scholars of Bologna, Salamanca, Paris, Oxford, Cambridge, Louvain and Heidelberg dressed in a manner that would distinguish them from merchants and other townspeople.

The gown originally may have been worn to keep the teachers warm in unheated classrooms. The gowns of bachelor's and master's degree recipients are usually black without trimmings. The front of the doctoral gowns are faced with velvet and adorned with three velvet bars on the sleeves.

The hood is lined with colors that denote the field of study represented by the wearer's degree. The colors of the hood are those of the college or university from which the degree is granted. The length of the hood is correspondingly longer with each advanced degree.

The Northeast Ohio Medical University hood was designed to reflect the colors of the University, blue and silver.

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The gold cords worn by selected faculty members identify those individuals who have been designated NEOMED Master Teachers. This honor recognizes faculty who have consistently excelled at advancing the art and scholarship of teaching and who have developed innovative teaching methods within the medical profession.

The green and gold cords worn by members of the graduating class of the College of Medicine identify those who are Alpha Omega Alpha members.

The white cords worn by members of the graduating class of the College of Medicine identify those who have been inducted into the Virtuous Healer Honor Society.

The purple and white cords worn by members of the graduating class of the College of Pharmacy identify those who are Rho Chi members.

The yellow and green cords worn by members of the graduating class of the College of Pharmacy identify those who are Phi Lambda Sigma members.

PROGRAM

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|---------------------------|---|
| Declaration of Assembly   | Amy F. Lee, M.D. ('88), M.P.H., M.B.A.<br>Chair, University Council<br>Professor of Family and Community Medicine   |
| Welcome                   | John T. Langell, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., FACS<br>President   |
| National Anthem           |   |
| Remarks                   | Paul R. Bishop, J.D.<br>Chair, Board of Trustees  |
| Conferral of Degrees      | John T. Langell, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., FACS  |
| College of Medicine       |   |
| Announcement of Hooders   | Elisabeth H. Young, M.D. ('85), FACP<br>Vice President for Health Affairs<br>Dean, College of Medicine<br>Professor of Internal Medicine  |
| Announcement of Graduates | Sandra M. Emerick, Ed.D.<br>Senior Executive Director, Academic Affairs<br>and Student Services<br>Assistant Professor of Family and Community Medicine<br>Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice |
| Class Oath                |   |
| College of Pharmacy       |   |
| Announcement of Hooders   | Richard J. Kasmer, Pharm.D., J.D.<br>Vice President for Academic Affairs<br>Dean, College of Pharmacy<br>Professor of Pharmacy Practice<br>Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences                     |
| Announcement of Graduates | Sandra M. Emerick, Ed.D.  |
| Class Oath                |   |



PROGRAM

College of Graduate Studies

Steven P. Schmidt, Ph.D.  
Vice President for Research  
Dean, College of Graduate Studies  
Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences  
John T. Langell, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., FACS

Announcement of Graduates

Sandra M. Emerick, Ed.D.

Military Oath

John T. Langell, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., FACS

Alumni Welcome

Corrie Stofcho, M.D. ('06)  
President, NEOMED Alumni Association Board of Directors

Closing

John T. Langell, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., FACS

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

College of Medicine  
Faculty Hooders

Julie Aultman, Ph.D.  
Professor of Family and Community Medicine  
Austin Fredrickson, M.D. ('14)  
Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine  
Carmen Julius, M.D.  
Staff/Associate Pathologist, Department of Pathology  
and Laboratory Medicine, Akron Children's Hospital  
Susan Nofziger, M.D.  
Director of M3 Experiences  
Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics  
Dana Peterson, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor of Anatomy and Neurobiology  
David Sperling, M.D. ('85)  
Senior Director of Clinical Experiential Learning  
Professor of Family and Community Medicine  
Daniel Wasdahl, M.D.  
Clinical Professor of Pathology  
Joseph Zarconi, M.D. ('81)  
Senior Associate Dean of Health Affairs  
Professor and Chair of Internal Medicine

College of Medicine Class Oath

Yostina Farid  
Cyril Harfouche  
Irina Padua  
Palak Patadia

College of Pharmacy  
Faculty Hooders

Fady Abdllrasul, Pharm.D. ('14)  
Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice  
Director of Pipeline Programs, Office of Student Success  
Jaclyn Boyle, Pharm.D. ('12), M.S., M.B.A., BCACP, BCPS  
Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice  
Assistant Dean, Student Success  
Department of Pharmacy Practice  
Altaf Darvesh, M.Pharm., Ph.D.  
Associate Professor  
Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy  
Psychiatry, College of Medicine  
Jesseca Keller, Pharm.D.  
Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice  
Chris Paxos, Pharm.D.  
Director, Pharmacotherapy  
Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice  
Associate Professor of Psychiatry  
Natalie Rine, Pharm.D.  
Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

College of Pharmacy Class Oath

Nathan Homan  
Dankesh Joshi  
Anthony Rimpf  
Shivali Singh  
Dana Webb

Grand Marshal

Amy F. Lee, M.D. ('88), M.P.H., M.B.A.

Gonfalonian –  
College of Medicine

Courtney Kromer

Gonfalonian –  
College of Pharmacy

Taylor Baum

Gonfalonian –  
College of Graduate Studies

Dana Peterson, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor of Anatomy and Neurobiology

Bowl of Hygeia –  
College of Pharmacy

Anthony Wasielewski

Military Graduates

Nicholas D'Amico, Air Force  
Michaela Randall, Air Force  
Ajay Bhola, Army  
Brenna Walters, Army  
Cyril Harfouche, Navy  
Tanner Mathews, Navy



COLLEGE *of* MEDICINE



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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

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Searching for clarity and meaning in an increasingly confusing and chaotic world, we share a humanness in the power and privilege of the relationships we nurture and grow. As students and physicians, we are trained to take information, make a diagnosis, and implement a plan of treatment. Then, we are judged by our success in solving the problem. While these problem-solving processes are measurable and necessary, they are not sufficient to achieve real success which is to care for both our patients and ourselves. Rather, our relationships are the fertile soil in which our “successes” grow. They insidiously shape and inform our identity and sense of self. Relationships are inclusive and accompany life’s highest highs and life’s lowest lows, but in elation or despair, they are life-affirming. This connection with another empowers both parties. “We” is always stronger than “I,” and connectedness is good medicine for your patients and for yourself. Carl Jung said, “The privilege of a lifetime is to become who you truly are.” The successes of that “privilege” are the connections that sustain, educate, and guide each of us. The foundation of medicine, and of healing, is based on the relationships we share with our patients, our colleagues, and our loved ones. May the privilege of your lifetime be to become who you truly are. Thank you for the honor of the relationships we have shared. My very best wishes to each of you.

Elisabeth H. Young, M.D., F.A.C.P.

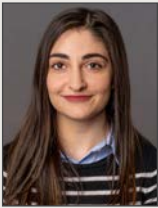
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*Class of 1985*



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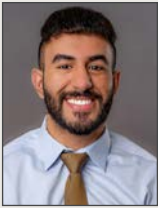
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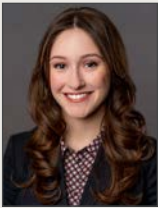
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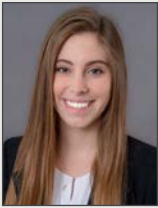
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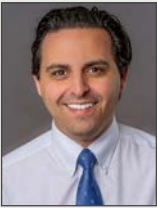
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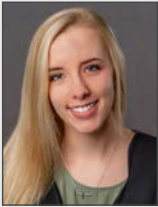
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**Madeline Marie Goosmann**  
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**Hometown:** Hudson, OH



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**Hometown:** Hudson, OH



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HCA Houston Healthcare/  
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Houston, TX  
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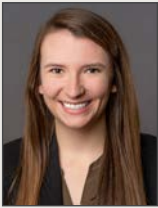
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Cleveland Clinic Foundation  
Cleveland, OH  
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San Diego, CA  
**Hometown:** Canton, OH



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**Helena C. Holmgren**  
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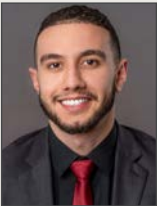


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NEOMED  
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**Maria Elizabeth Kenner**  
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Case Western Reserve University  
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**Residency:** *Family Medicine*  
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Myrtle Beach, SC  
**Hometown:** Chagrin Falls, OH



**Tanya Saeeda Khan**  
**Residency:** *Pediatrics*  
Case Western/University Hospitals  
Cleveland Medical Center  
Cleveland, OH  
**Hometown:** Springfield, OH



**Huda Jalal Khanzada**  
**Residency:** *Internal Medicine*  
Wright State University Boonshoft SOM  
Dayton, OH  
**Hometown:** Dayton, OH



**Shirley J. Kim**  
**Residency:** *Internal Medicine*  
Summa Health/NEOMED  
Akron, OH  
**Hometown:** Cleveland, OH



**Sharon Klapcec**  
**Residency:** *Emergency Medicine*  
Allegheny General Hospital  
Pittsburgh, PA  
**Hometown:** Oil City, PA

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**Courtney Meredith Kromer**  
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Case Western/MetroHealth  
Medical Center  
Cleveland, OH  
*Dermatology*  
Case Western/MetroHealth  
Medical Center  
Cleveland, OH  
**Hometown:** Sandusky, OH



**Daniel Guy Kulman**  
**Residency:** *Medicine-Preliminary*  
George Washington University  
Washington, DC  
*Ophthalmology*  
George Washington University  
Washington, DC  
**Hometown:** Uniontown, OH



**Nikki Hei Tong Lam**  
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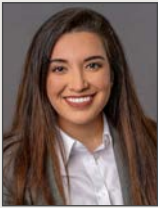
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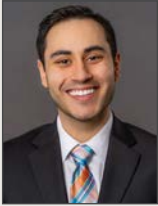
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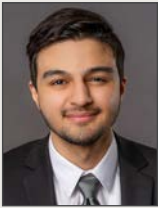
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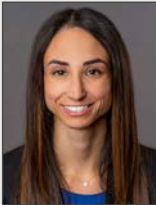
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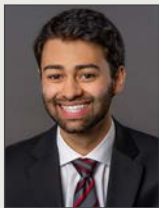
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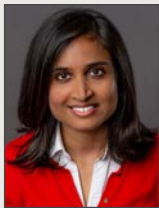
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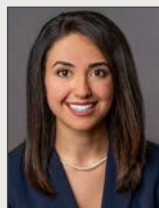
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Today, as I embark on the journey of becoming a physician, I vow that:

I will commit to a lifelong journey of learning and be relentless in my pursuit of knowledge.

I will use every experience as an opportunity for intellectual and moral advancement.

I will be confident in my abilities, aware of my limitations, and open to the ideas of those around me.

I will provide equal and quality care to all no matter their socioeconomic status, gender, race, religion, or sexual orientation.

I will be an active and considerate member of the health care team, emphasizing patient care, above all else.

I will advocate for the rights of my patients and raise awareness to the challenges they face.

I will remain humble in my words and actions, seeking genuine interactions with my patients and colleagues.

I will prioritize healing my patients in mind and body in addition to treating their ailments.

I will build patient care upon the pillars of empathy, respect, and integrity.

I will employ self-reflection to ensure that my passion for healing is what guides my actions, rather than my selfish intentions.

I will imbibe compassion into every aspect of care, taking the time to listen through patience and understanding.

I will value my own health and wellness, recognizing the significance of self-care and its potential implications on the well-being of my patients.

I hereby commit myself to the responsibilities and privileges of being a physician.

I pledge to provide meaningful care for each of my patients through the science of medicine and art of healing.





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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

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The faculty and staff from the College of Pharmacy want to express our sincere congratulations to the Class of 2020. It is quite remarkable to have had the opportunity to see you grow and mature during your time at NEOMED and we have high expectations for your successes in the future. This graduating class will be part of the group that are change agents as the practice of pharmacy continues to evolve where the role of pharmacist is recognized and relied upon as a key member of the health care team. I have no doubt that you will represent NEOMED well and we wish all the very best as you pursue your careers in whatever direction they may go. Please stay in touch with your fellow alumni, College and University and feel free to contact us if the need arises.

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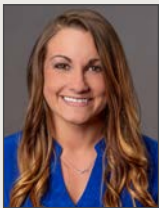
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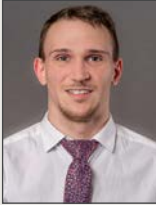
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**Hometown:** Uhrichsville, OH



**Shivali Dyal Singh**  
**Residency:**  
VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System  
Cleveland, OH  
**Hometown:** Broadview Heights, OH



**Zachary John Snodgrass**  
**Residency:**  
CVS Omnicare - University of Toledo  
CPPS  
Toledo, OH  
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**Devrajsinh H. Solanki**  
**Hometown:** Cleveland, OH



**Christopher Eliseo Stewart**  
**Hometown:** Cuyahoga Falls, OH



**Hayley Marie Terlizzi**  
**Hometown:** Newbury, OH



**Rashed Assaf Thabateh**  
**Hometown:** Ann Arbor, MI



**Bao-Ngoc Minh Tran**  
**Hometown:** Midway City, CA



**Thu-Huong Tran**  
**Hometown:** Waterford, MI



**Lily May Truong**  
**Residency:**  
Bay Pines VA Health Care System  
Bay Pines, FL  
**Hometown:** Sarasota, FL

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY DEGREE



**Jessica Marie Uhl**  
**Residency:**  
University Hospitals -  
Geauga Medical Center  
Chardon, OH  
**Hometown:** Solon, OH



**Andrea Kathryn Utley**  
**Residency:**  
Summa Health  
Akron, OH  
**Hometown:** Medina, OH



**Andrew Gilberto Vargas**  
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Medical Mutual  
Cleveland, OH  
**Hometown:** Strongsville, OH



**Michael James Vitullo**  
**Hometown:** New Castle, PA



**James J. Waldron**  
**Hometown:** Ravenna, OH



**Anthony Steven Wasielewski**  
**Residency:**  
Metro Health Medical Center  
Cleveland, OH  
**Hometown:** Sandyville, OH



**Dana Anne Webb**  
**Residency:**  
Northeast Ohio Medical University  
Rootstown, OH  
**Hometown:** Salem, OH



**Alissa Morgan White**  
**Hometown:** Cuyahoga Falls, OH



**Hannah Rose Wier**  
**Hometown:** North Lima, OH



**Amanda Lynn Wynne**  
**Hometown:** Mentor, OH



COLLEGE OF PHARMACY CLASS OF 2020  
OATH OF A PHARMACIST  
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I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy. In fulfilling this vow:

- I will strive to use my knowledge to better the lives of my patients and will use my expertise to empower them to be stewards of their health.
- I will continue to expand my knowledge, develop my skills, and continually explore the evolving sciences to assure optimal outcomes for my patients.
- I will interact with all patients with the utmost respect and protect the information entrusted to me.
- I will continue to enhance my professional knowledge through lifelong learning in order to provide superior benefit and welfare to my patients.
- My practice will be guided by the highest principles of our profession’s moral, ethical and legal conduct.
- I will endeavor to advocate for and improve patient access to high quality health care.
- I will uphold the standards of excellence set forth by those who have come before me.
- I will be a role model and guide the next generation of pharmacists by sharing my knowledge, skills, experiences, and values.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

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My heartiest and most sincere congratulations to members of the College of Graduate Studies graduating class of 2020. This commencement certainly isn't the commencement we all thought it would be, is it? And, as if the rigor of graduate education isn't challenging enough, in your journey to obtain your graduate degrees you have been presented these past few months with heretofore almost unthinkable obstacles and adversities in your paths to complete your degrees. If there is a silver lining for you in all of this I hope it is the realization that — while trauma, obstacles and adversity have been, and will always be a fact of life — these experiences are how you grow stronger. Our world has been shaken. Undoubtedly your personal and professional lives have been disrupted and in some cases upended. But, resilient people have the mental toughness to believe that they can overcome adverse circumstances rather than retreating. Resilient people believe that situations can be reframed in positive terms. Resilient people learn about themselves in the struggle and learn about what really matters to them. Graduates, you have demonstrated your resiliency by succeeding in obtaining your degrees and moving forward through these challenging times. The didactic information you have acquired in your degree programs will serve you well. But don't underestimate the value of this journey you have been on to you personally. My best wishes for your continued success.

*Steven Schmidt and the College of Graduate Studies*

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN  
INTEGRATED PHARMACEUTICAL MEDICINE



**Assraa Hassan Jassim**  
**Dissertation Title:**  
*Pre-Degenerative Hypoxia and Oxidative Stress May Drive Glaucoma Progression*  
Advisor: Denise Inman, Ph.D.  
**Hometown:** Philadelphia, PA

MASTER OF ARTS IN MEDICAL ETHICS  
AND HUMANITIES



**Austin J. Hilt**  
**Hometown:** Delaware, OH



**Irvin Davood Nasser**  
**Hometown:** Youngstown, OH

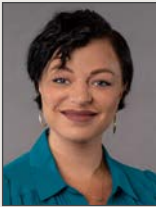


**Anna Elizabeth Plummer**  
**Hometown:** Chester, WV

MASTER OF MODERN ANATOMICAL SCIENCE



**Andrew Lorenzo Alejo**  
**Hometown:** Woodbury, NY



**Molly Marie Bannan**  
**Hometown:** Chardon, OH



**Kaitlyn Monique Gullett**  
**Hometown:** Elyria, OH

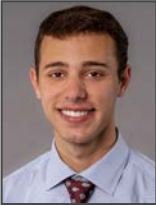
MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH



**Lexxus Olivia Brown**  
**Hometown:** Youngstown, OH



**Katelyn Elizabeth Geczy**  
**Hometown:** Strongsville, OH



**Justin James Jickess**  
**Hometown:** Canfield, OH



**Vinod Krishnappa**  
**Hometown:** North Canton, OH



**Branavan V. Ragunathan**  
**Hometown:** Canton, OH

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH-SYSTEM  
PHARMACY ADMINISTRATION



**Matthew Joseph McGuire**  
**Hometown:** Shamokin, PA



**Derek Ryan Montgomery**  
**Hometown:** Northville, MI



**Leticia Hernandez Vargas**  
**Hometown:** Coral Springs, FL



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN  
INTEGRATED PHARMACEUTICAL MEDICINE



**Naseem Amirmokhtari**  
**Hometown:** Dublin, OH



**Shelbie Lynn Burchfield**  
**Hometown:** Morristown, TN

CERTIFICATE IN BIOETHICS



**Cyril Joseph Harfouche**  
**Hometown:** Canton, OH



**Priya Nidamanuri**  
**Hometown:** Canton, OH



# AWARDS AND HONORS



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COLLEGE OF MEDICINE STUDENT AWARDS

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Class Speaker   | Kammeron Brissett  |
| Diversity Leader Award  | Christina Palomo   |
| Excellence in Family Medicine Award   | Laura Yeater   |
| Excellence in Internal Medicine Award   | Helena Holmgren  |
| Excellence in Obstetrics/Gynecology Award   | Savannah Bowman  |
| Excellence in Pediatrics Award  | Sara Post  |
| Excellence in Public Health Award   | Austin Hilt  |
| Excellence in Psychiatry Award  | Erica Matthews   |
| Excellence in Surgery Award   | Sebastian Boland   |
| Gonfalonian   | Courtney Kromer  |
| Ideal Physician Award   | Bradley Eckert<br>Andrew Ford<br>Lauren Misik<br>Eve Tranchito<br>Laura Yeater |
| Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award  | Kammeron Brissett  |
| Matthew Allen Lewis Award<br>for Outstanding Patient Care and<br>Mastery of the Science of Medicine | Laura Yeater   |
| Outstanding Achievement Award   | Abhijit Das  |
| Service to College of Medicine Award  | Robert Link  |
| Service to Community Award  | Austin Hilt  |
| William H. Falor, M.D. Research Award   | Krish Dewan<br>Natasha Kesav   |

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE  
ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA MEMBERS

|                   |                     |                       |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Clementina Aiyudu | Alexandrea Garrett  | Urmil Patel           |
| Hadeel Alwani     | Madeline Goosmann   | Charles Pophal        |
| Bharath Balu      | Patrick Handwork    | Sara Post             |
| Sebastian Boland  | Courtney Kromer     | Austin Poth           |
| Savannah Bowman   | Nikki Lam           | Autumn Pu             |
| Abhijit Das       | Robert Link         | Sairekha Ravichandran |
| Krish Dewan       | Tanner Mathews      | Isabella Sabatina     |
| Nathaniel Edwards | Thomas Mazonas      | Eve Tranchito         |
| Ariana Ellis      | Zacharia Mirhaidari | Siri Yalamanchili     |
| Yostina Farid     | Lauren Misik        |                       |
| Andrew Ford       | Neela Nataraj       |                       |

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE  
ELECTED STUDENT LEADERS

|                               |                                |                                   |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>NEOMED Student Council</b> | <b>Student Conduct Council</b> | <b>Student Curriculum Council</b> |
| Robert Link                   | Jonathon Meier                 | Andrew Ford                       |
| Adnan Raslan                  | Austin Poth                    | Palak Patadia                     |

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE  
OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Paul Lecat, M.D.<br>Professor of Internal Medicine<br>Professor of Pediatrics<br>Professor of Family and Community Medicine | Anita Pokorny, M.Ed.<br>Assistant Dean of Student Affairs<br>Assistant Professor of Family and Community Medicine |
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COLLEGE OF MEDICINE  
VIRTUOUS HEALER HONOR SOCIETY

|                   |                |                |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Robert Becker     | Haley Coleman  | Austin Hilt    |
| Kammeron Brissett | Krish Dewan    | Erica Matthews |
|                   | Bradley Eckert |                |

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY STUDENT AWARDS

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| APhA-ASP Senior Recognition Award  | Jessica Uhl         |
| Bowl of Hygeia Award   | Anthony Wasielewski |
| Commitment to Service  | Danielle Shively    |
| Community Pharmacy Practice Award  | Breanna Duff        |
| Council of Ohio Colleges of Pharmacy Leadership Award  | Leah Bruno          |
| Evidence-Based Medicine Approach to Patient Care   | Nathan Homan        |
| Excellence in Clinical Communication and Patient Care Award  | Shivali Singh       |
| Excellence in Public Health, Pharmacy Practice Award   | Shivali Singh       |
| Health-System Practice Award   | Anthony Rimpf       |
| Mylan Excellence in Pharmacy Award   | James Ferrell       |
| Ohio Pharmacists Association Student Leadership Award  | Colleen Miller      |
| Outstanding Alumni Award   | Patrick Divoky      |
| Outstanding Researcher Award   | Ismail Safi         |
| Professional Achievement Award   | Leah Bruno          |
| Student Excellence in Role Modeling of Interprofessional Collaboration and Education for Patient-Centered Care Award | Sara Bonenfant      |
| Student Marshal (Gonfolanian)  | Taylor Baum         |
| Walgreens Diversity and Inclusion Excellence Award   | Rashed Thabateh     |

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY  
PHI LAMBDA SIGMA MEMBERS

|                |                 |                     |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Taylor Baum    | Hannah Grow     | Danielle Shively    |
| Kaile Benner   | Brandon Hammack | Shivali Singh       |
| Samiyah Bhatti | Rachel Johnson  | Lily Truong         |
| Sara Bonenfont | Shaye Laubert   | Jessica Uhl         |
| Leah Bruno     | Cory Mathia     | Andrea Utley        |
| Mary Cherveney | Colleen Miller  | Anthony Wasielewski |
| James Ferrell  | Bethany Misko   | Dana Webb           |
| Mason Fowler   | Kerri Row       |                     |

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|----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Brianna Bailey | Ashley Hixon     | Anthony Rimpf       |
| Taylor Baum    | Timothy Hogan    | Anthony Wasielewski |
| Kaile Benner   | Joseph Hostetler | Dana Webb           |
| Jordan Doane   | Jayme Jones      | Amanda Wynne        |
| James Ferrell  | Bethany Misko    |                     |
| Ashley Fick    | Neel Patel       |                     |

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|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Taylor Baum            | Rachel Johnson          | Leah Bruno                 |
| Anthony Pesce          | Cory Mathia             | Jayme Jones                |



COLLEGE OF PHARMACY FACULTY AWARDS

Faculty Excellence in Role Modeling  
of Interprofessional Collaboration and  
Education for Patient-Centered Care Award

Alex Hoffman, Pharm.D., BCPS, CDE

Most Influential Professor/Faculty

Kunal Amin, BSPS, Pharm.D., R.Ph.

P4 Core Faculty Preceptor of the Year

Cindy King, Pharm.D., BCACP, CACP

P4 Voluntary Faculty Preceptor of the Year

Jenifer Troyer, Pharm.D. ('17)  
P4 Voluntary Faculty Preceptor



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