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CLASS *of* 2021



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

To the NEOMED Community:

Welcome to the 41st Northeast Ohio Medical University Commencement.

The Class of 2021 will forever be recognized for its perseverance. Your academic journey abruptly changed in March 2020 at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S. Yet you continued to thrive with the unwithered tenacity that brought you here as an aspiring health professional. Many of you even found the time outside of the classroom to lend a helping hand to those who were most vulnerable during the pandemic.

This dedication to service is what makes you the next generation of leaders in the health professions. I am certain that this class will go on to do extraordinary things while serving our communities.

I would like to offer a special thank you to Sandra Emerick, Ed.D., and the Commencement Committee for making today's events possible. This team worked tirelessly to find solutions that allow us to celebrate this monumental occasion while managing the constant uncertainties brought on by the pandemic.

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

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

NEOMED harnesses diversity, innovation and collaboration to create transformative leaders and improve health through education, discovery and service.

VISION

To be the model of excellence in innovative education and impactful research to create transformational health care leaders of tomorrow.

VALUES

NEOMED incorporates the following values in all that we do: Leadership, Excellence, Advocacy, Diversity, Equity and Respect (LEADER).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Richard B. McQueen, Chair	Chander M. Kohli, M.D.
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Sharlene Ramos Chesnes	STUDENT TRUSTEES
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Robert J. Klonk	AuBree R. LaForce ('21)

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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

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

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

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

Doctor of Philosophy or Master of Science in Integrated Pharmaceutical Medicine

The program educates and develops independent scientists and scholars with unique cross-disciplinary perspective bridging pharmaceutical sciences with medical disciplines, with a focus on advancement of disease mechanisms and targets for therapeutic interventions.

Master of Arts in Medical Ethics and Humanities

In this program students critically examine and apply ethical and health humanities-based theories, concepts, and issues relevant to global health; illness and disease; medical culture and practice; social justice; health policy and law; literature and media. Students gain experience toward their professional development as healthcare professionals, clinical ethicists, humanities scholars, and bioethicists.

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 enables them to manage complex health-system pharmacy departments at the institutional and departmental levels.

Master of Science in Modern Anatomical Sciences and 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.

Medical Ethics and Humanities Certificates

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

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The academic regalia worn at commencement is of medieval origin and dates back to the 11th 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 is 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 NEOMED 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

Presentation of the University Mace	Patrick J. Gallegos, Pharm.D., Grand Marshall Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice Chair, University Council
Gonfalonian – College of Medicine	Samuel Doerle
Gonfalonian – College of Pharmacy	Leetsa Lambis
Gonfalonian – College of Graduate Studies	Priya Raman, Ph.D, M.Pharm. Associate Professor of Integrative Medical Sciences
Bowl of Hygeia – College of Pharmacy	Ashley Brooks
Declaration of Assembly	Patrick J. Gallegos, Pharm.D.
Welcome	John T. Langell, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., FACS President
National Anthem	Timothy Culver Associate Professor of Voice, Kent State University
Remarks	Richard B. McQueen Chair, Board of Trustees
Honorary Degree Recipients	Daisy L. Alford-Smith, Ph.D., M.Ed., B.S.N. Ronald B. Richard, M.A. President and CEO, The Cleveland Foundation
Keynote Speaker	Cliff A. Megerian, M.D., FACS CEO, University Hospitals Health System
Conferral of Degrees	John T. Langell, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., FACS
Announcement of Graduates	Sandra M. Emerick, Ed.D. Senior Executive Director, Academic Affairs and Student Services Assistant Professor of Family and Community Medicine Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice

College of Medicine

Announcement of Hooders and Presentation of Doctor of Medicine Degrees	Elisabeth H. Young, M.D. ('85), FACP Vice President for Health Affairs Dean, College of Medicine Professor of Internal Medicine
Conferral of Doctor of Medicine Degrees	John T. Langell, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., FACS
College of Medicine Class Oath	College of Medicine Class of 2021

College of Pharmacy

Announcement of Hooders and Presentation of Doctor of Pharmacy Degrees	Richard J. Kasmer, Pharm.D., J.D. Vice President for Academic Affairs Dean, College of Pharmacy Professor of Pharmacy Practice Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences
Conferral of Doctor of Pharmacy Degrees	John T. Langell, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., FACS
College of Pharmacy Class Oath	College of Pharmacy Class of 2021

College of Graduate Studies

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

Military Oath

Military Oath	John T. Langell, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., FACS Colonel, U.S. Air Force, Retired
Alumni Welcome	Corrie Stofcho, M.D. ('06) President, NEOMED Alumni Association Board of Directors

Closing

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

College of Medicine
Faculty Hooders

- Julie Aultman, Ph.D.
Professor of Family and Community Medicine and
Director of Medical Ethics and Humanities Program
- L. Austin Fredrickson, M.D. ('14)
Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine
- Paul Lecat, M.D.
Professor of Internal Medicine Pediatrics and
Family Medicine, and Internal Medicine Clerkship
Clinical Experience Director
- Douglas Moses, M.D. ('95)
Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Associate Dean
for Admissions and Student Affairs
- Dana Peterson, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Anatomy and Neurobiology
- David Sperling, M.D. ('85)
Professor of Family and Community Medicine, and
Senior Director of Clinical Experiential Learning
- Christopher Vinyard, Ph.D.
Professor of Anatomy and Neurobiology
- Daniel Wasdahl, M.D.
Clinical Professor of Pathology
- Kenneth Wyatt, D.O.
Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
and Pediatric Clerkship Site Director
- Joseph Zarconi, M.D. ('81)
Professor and Chair of Internal Medicine, and
Clinical Director for Health Humanities Education

College of Medicine Class Oath

- Prabhsimran Batra
Mackenzie Jackson
Kanithra Sekaran
Katherine Wu

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

College of Pharmacy
Faculty Hooders

Hannah Cross, Pharm.D.(’13), R.Ph.
Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice
Altaf Darvesh, Ph.D., M.Pharm.
Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Associate
Professor of Psychiatry, College of Graduate Studies
Michael McGrath, R.Ph.
Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice
Chrisovalantis (Chris) Paxos, Pharm.D., BCPP, BCPS, BCGP
Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Associate Professor
of Psychiatry
Christopher Shelby, Pharm.D., BCPS
Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice
Mate Soric, Pharm.D., BCPS, FCCP
Professor and Chair of Pharmacy Practice,
College of Graduate Studies

College of Pharmacy Class Oath

Patrick Nguyen
Frank Zangare
Kassandra Kersey
Brandon Chahda

Military Graduates

Air Force
Kevin Adik
Shane Mathew
Army
Prabhsimran Batra
Jessica Chan
Samuel Doerle
Corey Herman
Navy
Shane Kaplan





Cliff A. Megerian, M.D., FACS

*Chief Executive Officer, University Hospitals Health System
Professor, Department of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery,
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine*

Dr. Megerian is CEO of University Hospitals (UH), a comprehensive health system with annual revenues of \$4.4 billion, 20 hospitals, more than 50 health centers and outpatient facilities, and over 200 physician offices located throughout 16 counties. He assumed this position in February 2021.

Prior to that, Dr. Megerian served as the system’s president, a position he was appointed to in December 2019. Previously, Dr. Megerian served as president, University Hospitals Physician Network and System Institutes, where he was charged with managing the clinical integration strategies, policies and practice guidelines for more than 2,500 UH

employed physicians as well as the operations and infrastructure for 14 UH system institutes. These clinical care institutes bring highly trained sub-specialists together from multiple disciplines to collaborate on the best treatment for patients — promoting uniform, standard care protocols and the sharing of best practices.

Prior to that role, Dr. Megerian served as President, University Hospitals Physician Services, where he raised physician productivity to its highest level and significantly increased physician engagement. UH’s physician network includes the full-time academic medical practice at UH Cleveland Medical Center and UH’s community-based, multispecialty physician network throughout Northeast Ohio. Dr. Megerian is also a professor in the Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine where he was chair from 2012-2018.

As a surgeon, Dr. Megerian co-founded UH’s Cochlear Implant Program and he and his team have performed over 1,000 cochlear implant surgeries making it one of the largest programs in the country. He joined UH in 2002. Prior to UH, Dr. Megerian served on the physician staffs of the Louis Stokes Cleveland Veteran Affairs Medical Center, Metro Health System Medical Center and Boston Medical Center. Additionally, Dr. Megerian worked at University of Massachusetts Medical Center, where he served as director of Residency Training, physician unit chief, Department of Audiology, medical director, Cochlear Implantation Program, co-director, Center for Skull Base Diseases, and director of Otolaryngology and Neurotology in the Department of Otolaryngology.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



Daisy L. Alford-Smith, Ph.D., MS.Ed., B.S.N.

Dr. Alford-Smith is a health care executive with strong fiscal, administrative and strategic management expertise. She is adept in interfacing with national, state and local senior policymakers and cabinet-level officials, as well as government officials, political strategists, business, and community representatives. Dr. Alford-Smith has been recognized for her outstanding accomplishments in the health and human services arena locally, nationally, and internationally.

Dr. Alford-Smith is a visionary who has innovatively addressed the needs of the public, positively influenced health and social policy and implemented tactical plans that have a far-reaching, positive impact on the health and well-being of individuals. Dr. Alford-Smith is a champion for the underprivileged, using her background in health care and public policymaking to help people worldwide.

Her impressive career in a variety of executive level positions has left a legacy of strong leadership and meaningful impact on the lives of many. Prior to her retirement in 2012, Dr. Alford-Smith successfully spearheaded the merger of five Girl Scout Councils in Northeast Ohio into one. Her previous positions include COO with the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools, director of the Summit County Department of Jobs and Family Services, assistant professor and director of the Center for Urban & Minority Health at Case Western Reserve University where she also taught at the University of Zimbabwe in Africa; director of the Cleveland Department of Public Health and deputy director for the Ohio Department of Human Services. Dr. Alford-Smith has served as a health consultant to the South African government and to the country of Slovakia and has been a keynote speaker in Thailand and Korea.

Dr. Alford-Smith also served as a member of the Northeast Ohio Medical University Board of Trustees from December 2009 through September 2018.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



Ronald B. Richard, M.A.
President and CEO, The Cleveland Foundation

Richard has served as president and CEO of the Cleveland Foundation since 2003. The Cleveland Foundation is the oldest community foundation in the world, with \$2.7 billion in assets and annual grants of more than \$115 million. During the past 30 years, Richard has held a variety of senior management positions in government, the private sector and the nonprofit sector.

Early in his career, Richard was a U.S. diplomat, serving at the American consulate general in Osaka/Kobe, Japan, and at the U.S. State Department. He then spent 13 years at Panasonic, leading the company’s North American research and development operations and one of its largest sales companies. Just before joining the foundation, Richard was managing director and chief operating officer of In-Q-Tel, the CIA’s venture capital fund.

Richard currently serves on the boards of the Unify Project and United Way of Greater Cleveland. He is board chair of Lake Erie Energy Development Corporation and Evergreen Cooperative Corporation, as well as the lead independent director on the board of directors of Emergent BioSolutions, a public biopharmaceutical company. He holds a master’s degree in international relations from Johns Hopkins University, a bachelor’s degree in American history and Japanese studies from Washington University in St. Louis, and honorary doctorates from Baldwin Wallace University and Notre Dame College.

Richard was named 2018’s most powerful person in Greater Cleveland on Cleveland Magazine’s Community Leader Power 100 list. He received the Council on Foundations’ Distinguished Service Award, which celebrates individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of philanthropy, and he was inducted into the Northeast Ohio Business Hall of Fame in 2017. In 2012, he was a scholar in residence at the University of Arkansas’ Clinton School of Public Service Center on Community Philanthropy.



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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Searching for clarity and meaning in an ever-changing 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. We are then 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 subtly 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 and the College of Medicine

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Lisa Hanna Abbou
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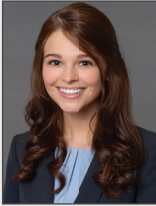


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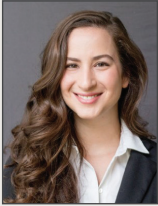
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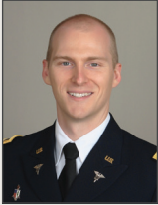
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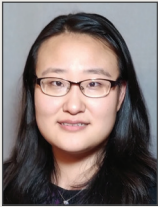
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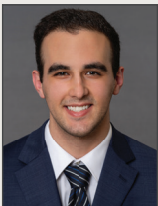
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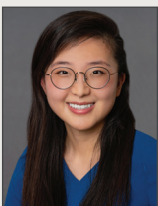
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Through formal collaborations with other universities and colleges, NEOMED strives to improve the health, economy and quality of life in Northeast Ohio through the education of our students.

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COLLEGE OF MEDICINE CLASS OF 2021 OATH

With dedication and sincerity, I vow to uphold this oath to our future patients, fellow caregivers, communities, and those who have supported us in our education.

To my patients, I pledge:

To look beyond illness, and treat fellow human beings

To alleviate suffering whenever possible — to care even when I cannot cure

To view the patient as my most valuable teacher; to never stop listening to and learning from them

To my colleagues, I pledge:

To respect my peers regardless of specialty, difference of opinion, or level of experience

To have the confidence and consideration to offer help and the humility to accept it

To foremost share the goal of patient care; to recognize that this goal is best achieved together

To the community, I pledge:

To always offer my humble guidance in times of medical uncertainty

To champion access to health care where there are barriers, and inclusion where there is discrimination

To recognize that social injustice is a plague to health equity and to denounce biases in care

To my family, friends and myself, I pledge:

To strive for balance between my personal and professional lives

To support my personal wellness not only for myself, but also for those in my care

To practice humility, curiosity, and loyalty in both my medical career and relationships

To be an advocate for the health of my friends, family, and all others

With this oath, I strive to maintain the highest standards of empathy, humility, and enthusiasm as a physician. I pledge to always seek to be deserving of my patients, physicians who have come before me, students who will come after me, and my community. I will never forget that the patient is why I am here.



COLLEGE *of* PHARMACY



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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

The faculty and staff from the College of Pharmacy want to express our sincere congratulations to the Class of 2021. 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.

Richard Kasmer and the College of Pharmacy

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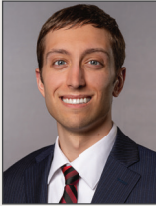


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COLLEGE OF PHARMACY CLASS OF 2021
OATH OF A PHARMACIST
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To guide patients with their health care, to educate on medications is my cause;

I will be the best pharmacist I can be.

I will devote myself to service, advocating for my patients and profession.

I will put the patient first in all my endeavors.

I will strive to provide excellent health care to all patients that come to me in need.

I will provide lifelong exceptional care for my patients by continually expanding my knowledge and skills.

I will use my knowledge and expertise to assure optimal outcomes for my patients.

I will be the symbol of professionalism and mentor the next generation of pharmacists.

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



COLLEGE *of* GRADUATE STUDIES



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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

My heartiest and most sincere congratulations to members of the College of Graduate Studies graduating class of 2021. As if the rigor of graduate education isn't challenging enough, in your journeys to obtain your graduate degrees you have been presented — since March, 2020 — with heretofore almost unthinkable obstacles and adversities in your paths to complete your degrees and, for some of you, in your personal lives. And yet you have had the will and determination to succeed in completing your degrees. Well done! If there is a silver lining for you from the pandemic 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 retreat. 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
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- Robert George DeVito**
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- Kanithra Chandra Sekaran**



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COLLEGE OF MEDICINE STUDENT AWARDS

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Diversity Leader Award	Carmen Javier
Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award	Ashley Clare Pajela
Excellence in Family Medicine Award	Erin Burrier
Excellence in Internal Medicine Award	Amulya Dega
Excellence in Obstetrics/Gynecology Award	Ankur Parikh
Excellence in Pediatrics Award	Erin Burrier
Excellence in Psychiatry Award	Lacey Jeong
Excellence in Public Health Award	Carmen Javier
Excellence in Surgery Award	Robert DeVito
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Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award	Geetika Srivastava
Matthew Allen Lewis Award for Outstanding Patient Care and Mastery of the Science of Medicine Award	Erin Burrier Emily Sullivan
Outstanding Achievement Award	AuBree LaForce Trey Moberly
Service to College of Medicine Award	Trey Moberly
Volunteer Service to Community Award	Carmen Javier
William H. Falor Research Award	Bryson Cook

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OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS

Anita Pokorny, M.Ed. Assistant Dean of Students, College of Medicine Associate Professor of Family and Community Medicine	Elisabeth H. Young, M.D. ('85) Vice President, Health Affairs Dean, College of Medicine Professor of Internal Medicine
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COLLEGE OF PHARMACY STUDENT AWARDS

APhA-ASP Senior Recognition Award	Tim Huskey
Bowl of Hygeia Award/ Commencement Student Speaker	Ashley Brooks
Commitment to Service	Shadrack Osei Baah
Council of Ohio Colleges Pharmacy Leadership Award	Kevin King
Council of Ohio Colleges Pharmacy Leadership Scholarship	Leetsa Lambis
Evidence-Based Medicine Approach to Patient Care	Angie Morris
Excellence in Clinical Communication and Patient Care Award	Ashley Brooks
Health System Practice Award	Mackenzie Lloyd
Mylan Excellence in Pharmacy Award	Steven Fosnight
OPA Student Leadership Award	Korie Maryo
Outstanding Researcher Award	Steven Fosnight
Professional Achievement Award	David Whipkey
Rootstown Community Pharmacy Practice Award	Kaitlyn Latham
U.S. Public Health Service Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Award	Kassandra Kersey
Walgreens Pharmacy Multilingual Award	Lucia Serna-Ramirez

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COLLEGE OF PHARMACY FACULTY AWARDS

Faculty Excellence in Role Modeling of Interprofessional Collaboration Award	Alex Hoffman, Pharm.D., BCPS, CDE
Most Influential Professor/Faculty	Liz Fredrickson, Pharm.D., BCPS
P4 Core Faculty Preceptor of the Year	Christopher Shelby, Pharm.D.
P4 Voluntary Faculty Preceptor of the Year	Kim Novak, Pharm.D.
P4 Teacher of the Year	Bhavin Mistry, Pharm.D.

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ALUMNI AWARD

Outstanding Alumni Award	Joshua Shumway, Pharm.D. ('16)
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