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# CLASS DAY

to honor the Class of 2015

Sidney Kimmel Medical College

*of*

**THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY**

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

**1824-2015**

Wednesday, May Twenty-Seventh  
Two Thousand Fifteen  
at Half Past Five O'Clock

CONNELLY AUDITORIUM  
DORRANCE H. HAMILTON BUILDING

### The Oath of Hippocrates

I do solemnly swear by that which I hold most sacred:

That I will be loyal to the profession of medicine,  
just to its members, and generous to its institutions;

That I will lead my life and practice my art in  
uprightness and honor;

That I will give respect and gratitude to those who  
have taught me this art;

That into whatsoever house I shall enter, it shall be  
for the good of the sick to the utmost of my power,  
I hold myself aloof from wrong, from corruption,  
from the tempting of others to vice;

That I will exercise my art for the best care of my  
patients,  
and I will give no drug, perform no operation for  
a criminal purpose, even if solicited far less  
suggest it;

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

These things I do promise upon my honor.

## Presiding

MARK L. TYKOCINSKI, M.D.  
*Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, TJU*  
*Dean, Sidney Kimmel Medical College*



## Address

KATHERINE LACKRITZ, M.D.  
*Clinical Instructor of Obstetrics and Gynecology*

“I like you just the way you are”



## Speaker

MATTHEW MURPHY  
*Class of 2015 SKMC at TJU*

“Milestones”



## Awarding of Prizes

Faculty

Members of the Class of 2015

## Awards and Prizes

Awarded at Class Day Exercises on Wednesday, May 27, 2015

### Faculty Awards

*Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching.*

KATHERINE LACKRITZ, M.D., *Clinical Instructor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Director, Medical Student Education, Thomas Jefferson University*

*Blockley-Osler/Dean's Teaching Award for Excellence in Teaching. Given to a faculty member of an Affiliated Hospital.*

LANNY EDELSON, M.D., F.A.A.N., *Clinical Professor of Neurology, and Neurology Teaching Coordinator, Christiana Care Health System*

*The Leon A. Peris Memorial Award.* To a member of the volunteer faculty for excellence in clinical teaching and superior patient care.

GINA MARIE AMOROSO, D.O., *Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, Thomas Jefferson University*

*The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation.* To an outstanding faculty member demonstrating exemplary compassion in doctor/patient relations.

STEVEN HERRINE, M.D., *Professor of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Thomas Jefferson University*

*The James B. Erdmann Award for Excellence in Interprofessional Education* is given to a Sidney Kimmel Medical College Faculty Member. Thomas Jefferson University Interprofessional Education Award is given to a faculty member who demonstrates excellence in interprofessional education and whose efforts have impacted collaboration among all colleges to the benefit of students.

BROOK SALZMAN, M.D., *Associate Professor, Department of Family & Community Medicine, Thomas Jefferson University* (honorable mention: ALAN FORSTATER, M.D., *Assistant Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, Thomas Jefferson University*)

*The James B. Erdmann Award for Excellence in Interprofessional Practice* is given to faculty or staff member of Thomas Jefferson University or Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. Jefferson Interprofessional Practice Award is given to a practitioner/clinician who demonstrates excellence in interprofessional practice and whose leadership efforts have promoted interprofessional practice among colleagues, staff, students and patients.

DANIELLE SNYDERMAN, M.D., *Assistant Professor, Department of Family & Community Medicine, Thomas Jefferson University*

### Awards to Graduating Students

*The E. Harold Hinman Memorial Prize*, for extraordinary interest and accomplishment in family medicine. Sponsored by family and friends in memory of E. Harold Hinman, Ph.D., M.D., M.P.H., Professor Emeritus of Preventive Medicine.

MARIANA KUPERMAN (honorable mention: CHRISTINE CHANG)

*The Michael Grasso, M.D. Prize in Urology*, this award is given to a Medical College student at Thomas Jefferson University who have been recognized by the staff of Urology for accomplishing in their four years of medical education clinical and/or basic science research which has added positively to our understanding and treatment of urologic disorders.

MAY JEAN COUNSILMAN

*The Carroll R. Mullen Memorial Prize in Ophthalmology.* To the senior who has displayed outstanding aptitude and excellence in ophthalmology.

PHOEBE MELLEN (honorable mention: SPENSER MORTON AND RYAN SMITH)

*The Sarah G. Miller Obstetrics and Gynecology Prize.* To a senior who has demonstrated excellence in obstetrics and gynecology during the entire curriculum. Sponsored by Mrs. Sarah George Miller in memory of John B. Montgomery, M.D., Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics.

KATHERINE FRITTON

*The Baldwin L. Keyes Prize in Psychiatry.* Given by Mr. Joseph H. Levit in memory of his wife Mae K. Levit, in honor of Baldwin L. Keyes, M.D., Sc.D., Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry.

SOPHIE FELLER

*The Harold L. Stewart, M.D. '26 Prize in Pathology.* Awarded to the academically excellent student who has completed a pathology research project.

DANIELLE HUTCHINGS

*The Leopold Z. Goldstein, M.D. Memorial Prize in Obstetrics and Gynecology.* To the student with the highest average in obstetrics and gynecology. In memory of Leopold Z. Goldstein, M.D. sponsored by his daughters.

EMILY CHESTON (honorable mention: LAUREN CAMPBELL)

*The Norman F. Sokoloff, M.D. Award*, for excellence in clinical and diagnostic skills. Sponsored by family and friends in memory of Norman F. Sokoloff, M.D., a proud graduate of Jefferson's Class of 1969.

CAITLIN MINGEY and JOVAN PLAMENAC

*The Burton L. Wellenbach, M.D. – JMC Class of 1944 Award for Excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology and Medical Ethics.* Awarded to the graduating senior who demonstrates excellence in obstetrics and gynecology and medical ethics as exemplified by Dr. Burton L. Wellenbach's 50 years of practice and dedication to the Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University and medicine.

JULIANA GUARENTE

*The Philip J. Hodes Prize in Radiology.* To the fourth-year medical student displaying outstanding aptitude and interest in radiology.

JUSTIN RODRIGUEZ

*The William C. Davis, Class of 1977 Prize in Emergency Medicine* is awarded to a senior who will pursue a career in emergency medicine. Sponsored by Mrs. Charlotte Davis in memory of her son, William C. Davis, M.D., an alumnus of Jefferson Medical College.

MEGAN CLARY (honorable mention: JUSTIN STEINBERG)

*The Joseph F. Rodgers, M.D. Memorial Award.* Given to a fourth-year medical student who has exhibited excellence in the discipline of internal medicine, especially diagnostic skills and a devotion to their patients.

ANITA MODI (honorable mention: CHRISTOPHER BARRETT)

*The Arnold R. Weitz Memorial Prize in Hematology.* Awarded to a senior medical student for outstanding aptitude and interest in hematology. Sponsored by family and friends in memory of Arnold R. Weitz, M.D.

EVAN SMITH (honorable mention: DANIELLE SEIDEN)

*The William F. Kellow Prize.* To the student who most closely exemplifies the attributes of the ideal physician. Sponsored by family and friends in memory of William F. Kellow, M.D., Dean and Vice President of Jefferson Medical College from 1967 to 1981.

KATHERINE FRITTON

*The Francis Torrens Stewart, M.D. Clinical Surgery Prize,* for general excellence in clinical surgery. In memory of Francis Torrens Stewart, M.D., Professor of Clinical Surgery, 1910-1920.

NAOMI SELL (honorable mention: ALEXANDER CHALPHIN)

*The Philip P. Ripepi, M.D. Prize in General Surgery* is awarded to a senior medical student pursuing a career in general surgery, who is deemed most worthy by the Medical College surgical faculty. It is named for Philip P. Ripepi, M.D., esteemed educator, surgical innovator, nationally recognized oncology surgeon, and former Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh.

GEOFFREY KOZAK (honorable mention: JOYCE JHANG)

*The Edward J. Moore Memorial Prize in Pediatrics.* To the student demonstrating the greatest aptitude in pediatrics. In memory of Edward J. Moore, M.D.

ESTHER JEONG (honorable mention: BRADLEY ALBERTSON)

*The S. MacCuen Smith Memorial Prize in Otolaryngology.* To the most able senior in the field of otology. Sponsored by Mrs. Stuart Lodge Bullivant in memory of her father.

LAUREN GALINAT

*The Arthur Krieger Memorial Prize in Family Medicine,* for excellence in family medicine. Sponsored by family and friends in memory of Arthur Krieger, M.D.

ROMA AMIN (honorable mention: JONATHAN YADLOSKY)

*The Arthur Krieger Memorial Prize in Neurology,* for excellence in neurology. Sponsored by family and friends in memory of Arthur Krieger, M.D.

SHAILEE SHAH (honorable mention: JON MARC FINAMORE)

*The Hubert Spencer Sear, M.D. Memorial Award.* Awarded to an outstanding fourth-year student in radiology. Sponsored by family and friends in memory of Hubert Spencer Sear, M.D., Class of 1950.

DANIELLE TOUSSIE (honorable mention: ANKIT GANDHI)

*The Alexander and Lottie Katzman Award in Gastroenterology.* Awarded to the most proficient student in gastroenterology as judged by the faculty. Sponsored by Joseph Medoff, M.D., and Mrs. Medoff in memory of Mrs. Medoff's parents.

DREW JOHNSON (honorable mention: JAYA MEHTA)

*The Philip and Bella Medoff Memorial Prize,* for excellence in internal medicine and outstanding contributions to the Hobart Amory Hare Medical Honor Society. Given to a senior who is a member of the Society and who is recommended by the Magee Professor of Medicine and the faculty advisor of the Society. Sponsored by Joseph Medoff, M.D., Mrs. Medoff, and children.

SHANA RAKOWSKY (honorable mention: DREW KOTLER)

*The William T. and Madeline Lemmon Memorial Prize in Anesthesiology,* for clinical work or writing in the field of anesthesiology. Awarded from an endowment established by family members in memory of William T. Lemmon, Sr., M.D.

SAMANTHA BRACKETT

*The Annie Simpson General Medicine Prize.* Awarded to the medical student who received the best general average in general medicine.

JANE BABIARZ (honorable mention: ELIJAH GRILLO)

*The Annie Simpson Pulmonary Medicine Prize.* Awarded to the medical student who received the best general average in pulmonary medicine.

GREGORY SNYDER (honorable mention: DIEDRE AXELL-HOUSE)

*The William Potter Memorial Prize in Clinical Medicine.* Awarded to the graduating student with the best performance in clinical medicine, from a bequest of Mrs. Adaline Potter Wear.

PHOEBE MELLEN

*The Hyman Menduke Research Prize* is awarded to the graduating senior who, as determined by the Committee on Research of the faculty, has demonstrated excellence in research while a student at the Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University. Sponsored by Michael LeWitt, M.D., Class of 1974.

PHOEBE MELLEN for the MD program

DAVID RITTER for the MD/PhD program

*The Jefferson Volunteer Faculty Association Prize* is given by the Jefferson Volunteer Faculty Association to a fourth-year medical student for excellence in clinically oriented research.

HEATHER MCMAHON

*The Drs. Donald R. and Henry Pohl Prize for Professionalism* is awarded to the senior medical student who exemplifies the ideals of professionalism.

GREGORY SNYDER (honorable mention: PHOEBE MELLEN and PHILICIA MOONSAMY)

*The Dean's Student Service Award* is awarded to the fourth-year student who has given generously of time and talents for the service of classmates and Sidney Kimmel Medical College as selected by the Dean.

ROMA AMIN

*The Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children Prize.* Awarded to the student whose performance best demonstrates the qualities of academic and clinical excellence, human compassion, and a commitment to the welfare of others as was exemplified by the life and trust of Alfred I. duPont.

KANIKA GUPTA

*The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation* is given to an outstanding student demonstrating exemplary compassion in doctor/patient relations.

ROMA AMIN

*The Frans J. Vossenber, M.D., Memorial Prize in Internal Medicine* is awarded to a graduating senior member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society who has chosen to pursue a career in the field of Internal Medicine and has demonstrated excellence in diagnostic skills and patient compassion as exemplified by the life of Frans J. Vossenber, M.D. Class of 1950.

DAVID REILLY

*The J. Woodrow Savacool, M.D., Prize in Medical Ethics* is awarded to the senior medical student who embodies the ideal of the physician's caring commitment to moral and ethical values in medicine. Sponsored by a committee of friends and colleagues in memory of J. Woodrow Savacool, M.D., an alumnus and Honorary Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Jefferson Medical College.

NOAH BOBULTZ (honorable mention: MEGHAN SCHLITT)

*The Philip J. Wolfson, M.D., Memorial Prize for Leadership* is awarded to the senior who has served as a role model for effective leadership and professional behavior through the four years of medical school. Sponsored by the family, colleagues, and friends of Philip J. Wolfson, M.D.

LEAH WINER (honorable mention: JENNIFER BAKER)

*The Irving J. Olshin, M.D., Memorial Prize in Pediatrics* is awarded to the graduating senior who best combines scholarship, integrity, and an engagement in human character and ethics with their study of medicine, as exemplified by Dr. Irving J. Olshin's forty-five years of practice and dedication to Jefferson Medical College and the Department of Pediatrics.

JOSHUA EISENBERG

*The Jennifer Reed Bakker, M.D., Class of 2001 Memorial Prize* is awarded to the graduating senior who best displays compassion for the sick, a true sense of humanity, and meticulous regard for human dignity.

JOHN CHAVES

*The Catherine Liu, M.D. Memorial Prize in Obstetrics and Gynecology* is awarded to a fourth-year medical student who plans to pursue a career in Ob/Gyn. This student should demonstrate academic excellence and a commitment to women's health

STEPHANIE RAND

*The Maria Werner-Wasik, MD Award for Excellence in Radiation Oncology* is awarded to a fourth-year medical student who choose to participate in the third-year selective rotation and who demonstrated the necessary qualities to develop as a leader in academic radiation oncology.

MARK ASHAMALLA

*The Dr. Thomas D. Griffin and Patricia C. Griffin Award in Dermatology* is in honor of Dr. Jouni Uitto, Chairman of the Department of Dermatology, and is given to a graduating senior showing outstanding motivation and interest in the care of the skin.

NICHOLAS ROSS

## Student Council Representatives of the Class of 2015

KANIKA GUPTA  
NORA HOMSI  
MICHELE KHURANA  
RINO SATO  
NICOLE SGROMOLO  
ALEXIS WILLIAMS



## Student Council Executive Board

WILL MERRITT, *Class of 2017, President of Administrative Affairs*  
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