



University of Vermont
Larner College of Medicine

**Commencement
Ceremony
for the
Class of 2026**

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

3:00 P.M.

IRA ALLEN CHAPEL

Order of Exercises

PRESIDING

Richard L. Page, M.D., *Dean, Larner College of Medicine;*
Chief Medical Affairs Officer, University of Vermont

Jillian Sullivan, M.D.'04, M.Sc., *Faculty Marshal*

Louise Grace Adama Aja, *Class Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL

Vermont Passacaglia

Music written by Adam Ackerman, M.D.'14 (recording)

WELCOME

Richard L. Page, M.D., *Dean*

REMARKS

Marlene Tromp, Ph.D., M.A., *President, University of Vermont*

ADDRESS

Lewis First, M.D., M.S., *Chair, Department of Pediatrics, Larner College of Medicine;*
Chief of Pediatrics, Golisano Children's Hospital, University of Vermont Health

RECOGNITION OF THE CLASS OF 2026

Christa H. Zehle, M.D.'99, *Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education*

STUDENT ADDRESS

Martha Bliss Laud

AWARDING OF DEGREES

Richard L. Page, M.D., *Dean*

Christa H. Zehle, M.D.'99, *Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education*

Karen George, M.D., M.P.H., *Associate Dean for Students*

Kathryn Huggett, Ph.D., *Assistant Dean for Medical Education*

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Marlene Tromp, Ph.D., M.A., *President*

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH

Richard L. Page, M.D., *Dean*

RECESSIONAL

Academic Regalia

THE BATONS

The Pomeroy Baton is typically carried by the Faculty Marshal as a symbol of the authority and leadership of the Larner College of Medicine. It is named in honor of Dr. John Pomeroy, who in 1804 was appointed as the first medical faculty member of the University of Vermont. The baton was commissioned in 1982 by Dean of Students David Tormey, M.D., who sent medical student Mark Iverson to choose a white oak beam from the Pomeroy House on Battery Street, which was undergoing renovation. Iverson turned the piece to Dean Tormey's instructions, and in 1983 was the first to carry it in his Commencement Ceremony.

The Staff of Aesculapius, a serpent-entwined rod associated with healing and the practice of medicine, is typically carried by the Class President, who acts as the Class Marshal and leads the graduating class to the ceremony. This staff was a gift to the college from alumnus Robert Sharkey, M.D.'59, in honor of his 50th Reunion in 2009.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The distinctive attire of those participating in the academic procession represents a tradition that reaches at least as far back as the Middle Ages, when gowns became the required dress at many European universities. The University of Vermont was among the first in this country to experiment with the use of academic gowns, requiring them at the 1806 graduation. Near the end of the century, universities began wholeheartedly to use the medieval scholars' clothing for ceremonial occasions.

- The doctoral gown has large bell-shaped sleeves with three velvet crossbars on the upper portion of the arm and velvet trimming down the front of the gown. The trim color usually indicates the field of study of the recipient (e.g., the M.D. degree is indicated by green trim and the Ph.D. is usually blue). The color of the gown is usually black, but can vary depending on the alma mater.
- The doctoral cap for Larner College of Medicine graduating students is a four-sided, black velvet tam with a gold tassel. Only doctoral caps may be made of velvet and only doctors or presidents of institutions may wear a gold tassel on the cap.
- The colorful hood indicates the institution, degree, and specialty. For doctoral degrees from the University of Vermont, the hood is four feet in length lined in green with a gold chevron, the official school colors. The hood trim is green for M.D. graduates and dark blue for Ph.D. graduates.

- Honor cords worn by students and faculty indicate honor societies and other achievements.
 - Green and gold cords are worn by members of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, selected by faculty for their promise of becoming leaders in the profession.
 - Gold cords are worn by members of the Gold Humanism Honor Society, elected by their classmates and faculty in recognition of their demonstrated excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion, and dedication to service.
 - Gold and white cords are worn by students who have earned the AHEC (Area Health Education Center) Scholar distinction.
 - Royal blue and white cords are worn by members of the Aequitas Health Equity Medical Honor Society. Aequitas Fellows are selected for their deep understanding of social medicine and the structural causes of inequities and their commitment to addressing disparities in health care through meaningful community partnerships.
 - Blue cords are worn by members of The Teaching Academy at the Larner College of Medicine who have shown engagement in teaching, a commitment to quality improvement, and sharing of expertise.
 - Platinum cords are worn by emeriti faculty who have achieved a career of professional accomplishment and have provided distinguished service to the university, the community, and their professional discipline.

THE UNIVERSITY SEAL

The university seal, first adopted in 1807, depicts the sun rising over the Green Mountains with the first university building in the upper foreground, and a diagram of the Pythagorean theorem, a quadrant, and a globe in the lower foreground. The outer ring of the oval reads *Universitas V. Montis*. AD. 1791, the Latin name of the university related to the French name of the State of Vermont meaning "Green Mountain," and the source of the university's nickname, UVM. The seal also includes the motto *Studiis et Rebus Honestis*, or "For studies and other honest pursuits," and commemorates the establishment of the State Agricultural College: *Collegiumque Agriculturae 1865*.

Doctor of Medicine

Julia Adelman, Burlington, Vt.

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Pediatrics, *University of Utah Health*, Salt Lake City, Utah

Anika J. Advant, Belle Mead, N.J.

B.S., *Villanova University*, 2020
Pediatrics, *New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center*, New York, N.Y.

Louisa Grace Adama Aja, Columbia, Md.

B.S., *Hofstra University*, 2015; M.S., *University of Vermont*, 2022
Psychiatry, *Mass General Brigham-Brigham & Women's Hospital*, Boston, Mass.

Lindsay Rose Aldrich, Yorktown Heights, N.Y.

B.A., *University of Vermont*, 2020; M.P.H., *University of Vermont*, 2021
Psychiatry, *University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics*, Madison, Wis.

Robin Angier, Stowe, Vt.

B.A., *Middlebury College*, 2016
Family Medicine, *University of Vermont Medical Center*, Burlington, Vt.

Anayis Marus Antanesian, Sacramento, Calif.

B.S., *University of California-Davis*, 2015
Psychiatry, *Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai*, Morningside-West, New York, N.Y.

Connor James Barton, Colchester, Vt.

B.A., *University of Vermont*, 2019; M.S., *University of Vermont*, 2020
Emergency Medicine, *University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School-Baystate*, Springfield, Mass.

Haley Nicole Bayne, Brookline, Mass.

B.S., *Northeastern University*, 2020
Internal Medicine, *University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School*, Worcester, Mass.

Jasmine Ariel Bazinet-Phillips, Baltimore City, Md.

B.A., *Colby College*, 2015; M.S.Ed., *Johns Hopkins University School of Education*, 2018
Pediatrics, *University of Maryland Medical Center*, Baltimore, Md.

Julia Ann Bernier, Saint Albans, Vt.

B.S., *University of Vermont*, 2021
Internal Medicine, *Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center*, Lebanon, N.H.

Ty Edward Bever, Sterling, Colo.

B.S., *University of Denver*, 2019
Diagnostic Radiology, *Maine Medical Center*, Portland, Maine

Jacob I. Bleau, Essex Junction, Vt.

B.S., *Northeastern University*, 2021
Urology, *University of Colorado School of Medicine-Denver*, Aurora, Colo.

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B.S., *George Washington University*, 2019
Internal Medicine, *Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education*, Rochester, Minn.

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B.S., *University of Massachusetts–Lowell*, 2016; M.S., *University of Vermont*, 2026
Pathology, Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Conn.

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Family Medicine, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, Ore.

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Pediatrics, University of Utah Health, Salt Lake City, Utah

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Internal Medicine, University of Utah Health, Salt Lake City, Utah

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B.A., *Rutgers University–New Brunswick*, 2020

Psychiatry, Hartford Hospital, Hartford, Conn.

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B.S., *University of Southern California*, 2019; M.S., *University of Southern California*, 2020

Orthopaedic Surgery, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif.

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B.A., *University of Utah*, 2021

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B.S., *University of Vermont*, 2021

Neurology, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, N.H.

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Anesthesiology, Maine Medical Center, Portland, Maine

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Neurology, University of Virginia Medical Center, Charlottesville, Va.

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Internal Medicine, University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School, Worcester, Mass.

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Internal Medicine, Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Jacksonville, Fla.

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Preliminary Surgery, University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, Conn.

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Emergency Medicine, Boston University Medical Center, Boston, Mass.

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Obstetrics & Gynecology, University of Utah Health, Salt Lake City, Utah

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Emergency Medicine, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center–Dallas, Dallas, Texas

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Obstetrics & Gynecology, University of Colorado School of Medicine-Denver, Aurora, Colo.

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Neurology, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, Mass.

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Devan Monique Spence, Flint, Mich.

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Regan Josephine Staudenraus, Washington, D.C.

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Ian Strohbehn, Norwich, Vt.

B.A., *Middlebury College*, 2018

Preliminary Surgery, University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, Vt.;
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Isabella Ruth Sutherland, Duluth, Minn.

B.S., *Arizona State University*, 2022

Neurology, New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, New York, N.Y.

Althea Jem Darbin Tapales, Mangilao, Guam

B.S., *University of Guam*, 2018

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B.S., *Syracuse University*, 2016

Internal Medicine, University of North Carolina Hospitals, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Adam B. Thompson, Minnetonka, Minn.

B.S., *University of Minnesota–Twin Cities*, 2021

Orthopaedic Surgery, Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Phoenix, Ariz.

Lauren Diem Tien, Roanoke, Texas

B.S., *University of Texas–Austin*, 2014; M.P.H., *UTHealth Houston School of Public Health*, 2019

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Alex Dang-Khoa Tran, Garden Grove, Calif.

B.S., *University of California–Los Angeles*, 2019

Psychiatry, Harvard South Shore, Brockton, Mass.

Sarah Nhat-Phuong Tran, Fairfax, Va.

B.A., *University of Virginia*, 2018

Pathology, University of Colorado School of Medicine–Denver, Aurora, Colo.

Ryan Trus, Charlotte, Vt.

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B.S., *University of California–Los Angeles*, 2021
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B.S., *University of Nevada–Reno*, 2020
Emergency Medicine, University of Utah Health, Salt Lake City, Utah

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B.A., *University of California–Berkeley*, 2016; M.S., *Loyola University–Chicago*, 2021

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B.S., *University of Vermont*, 2020
General Surgery, University of Minnesota Medical School, Minneapolis, Minn.

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B.A., *Dartmouth College*, 2018
Preliminary Medicine, University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, Vt.;
Anesthesiology, South Brooklyn Health, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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B.A., *Middlebury College*, 2020
Psychiatry, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn.

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B.S., *Ohio State University*, 2022
Internal Medicine, University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, Md.

Yasamin Eliza Zamanian, Albuquerque, N.M.
B.A., *University of Southern California*, 2021

Muhammad Haaris Zeb, Mansfield, Mass.
B.S., *University of Massachusetts–Boston*, 2021
Internal Medicine, Brown University Health/Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, R.I.

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B.A.Sc., *McGill University*, 2018; M.S., *University of Vermont*, 2019
Preliminary Medicine, Sutter Health, San Francisco, Calif.;
Neurology, Stanford Health Care, Stanford, Calif.

Academic Awards & Honors

AEQUITAS HEALTH HONOR SOCIETY

Aequitas Honor Society Fellows are identified as having a deep understanding of the structural causes of health inequities and are committed to addressing disparities in health care through meaningful community partnerships.

Louisa Grace Adama Aja
Christopher Peter Kruglik
Hosna Mohabbat
Thuymy-Michelle Ngoc Nguyen

Shrey Dipesh Patel
Gurkiranjit Kaur Rattu
Shruthi Santhanakrishnan
Kathleen Waeldner

AHEC SCHOLARS

AHEC Scholars is a national program that recognizes students who complete 160 hours of eligible Area Health Education Center (AHEC) activities to increase knowledge, strengthen leadership skills, and gain competencies within broad topic areas: interprofessional education/practice, behavioral health integration, connecting communities and supporting health professionals/community health workers, virtual learning and telehealth, social determinants of health, cultural competency, medical practice transformation, and current and emerging health issues.

Anika J. Advant
Lindsay Rose Aldrich
Robin Angier
Jasmine Ariel Bazinet-Phillips
Julia Ann Bernier
Jacob I. Bleau
Jackson Bressor
Seth E. Brownmiller
Michaela L. Busch
Hayden Jonathan Christensen
Jenna Grace Clark
Elle Grace Cunningham
Caroline R. Duksta
Brian A. Fellenstein
Caroline Rose George
Molly C. Hurd
Timothy Hwang
Kimberly Jones
Kristin Patricia Karpowicz
Heather A. Kettlewell
Christina H. Kirk
Sarah Barbara Kohl

Christopher Peter Kruglik
Angelina A. Kuzina
Taylor Erin Lamarre-Austin
Anna Roberts Landis
Briana Marie Leger
Ana Carissa Ingles Lorenzo
Jason Mark Ludlow
Kassandra Marie Mastras
Henry Mitchell
Zoe Sylvia Nicozisin
Surya Radhakrishnan
Gurkiranjit Kaur Rattu
Nicole W. Salib
Shruthi Santhanakrishnan
Deepinder Singh
Ian Strohhahn
Lauren Diem Tien
Amanda Lynn Verroneau
Peter Minh Vien
Josephine Yalovitser
Sarah Yang
Cole Thomas Zweber

ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA HONOR MEDICAL SOCIETY

Inductees have demonstrated excellence in leadership, research, professionalism, and service to the school, community, and clinical acumen.

Anika J. Advant
Louisa Grace Adama Aja
Haley Nicole Bayne
Julia Ann Bernier
Jackson Bressor
Hikmat Ramen Chmait
Hayden Jonathan Christensen
Jenna Grace Clark
Elle Grace Cunningham
Isabel Marie Goldman
Christopher Peter Kruglik
Sarah Danielle Roberts Krumholz

Taylor Erin Lamarre-Austin
Wendy Memishian
Hosna Mohabbat
John Libakken Rustad
Nicole W. Salib
Julianne Emma Scholes
Susanna Louise Schuler
Isabella Ruth Sutherland
Adam B. Thompson
Alex Dang-Khoa Tran
Kathleen Waeldner
Abigail Bowman Wootton

GOLD HUMANISM HONOR SOCIETY

Inductees are exemplars of compassionate patient care and serve as role models, mentors, and leaders throughout their medical education and careers.

Louisa Grace Adama Aja
Robin Angier
Haley Nicole Bayne
Julia Ann Bernier
Ty Edward Bever
Jenna Grace Clark
Jeyna Mason Doshi
Molly C. Hurd
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The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Faculty Award
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Kathleen Waeldner

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*who has shown a particular commitment to ensuring the success of the educational
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for excellence in Surgery

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for excellence in Medical Education
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for outstanding service to the community
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for best exemplifying concern and care for the total patient
Henry Mitchell

The Jerold and Ingela Lucey Early Career Investigator Prize
for innovations in infant or child health
Christopher Peter Kruglik

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for overall excellence in Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences
Julianne Emma Scholes

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for excellence in Neurology
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Julianne Emma Scholes
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*for a fourth-year medical student committed to pursuing pathology residency training who has
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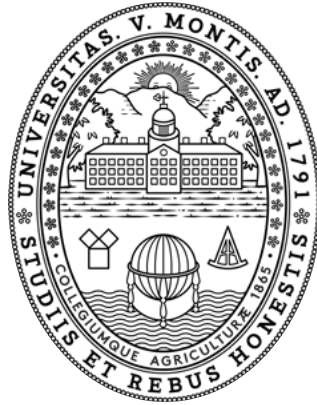
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I swear to fulfill, to the best of my ability, this covenant:

I will respect the scientific gains of those physicians and scientists in whose steps I will walk, and gladly share such knowledge as is mine with those who are to follow.

I will remember that there is both art and science to medicine.

I will pursue the expansion of my knowledge throughout my life for the benefit of my patients.

I will practice medicine with conscience and dignity.

I will respect the privacy of my patients and not judge them.

I will prevent disease whenever I can, for prevention is preferable to cure.

Most especially, **I will tread with care** in matters of life and death. If it be merely within my abilities to help ease suffering at the end of a life, may I face this awesome responsibility with humility and awareness of my own frailty.

I vow always to act to preserve the finest traditions of my calling, and may I long experience the joy of healing those who seek my help.

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