



# GRADUATE PROCESSION

## GREETING

Lee Goldman, MD

*Harold and Margaret Hatch Professor of the University  
Dean of the Faculties of Health Sciences and Medicine  
Chief Executive, Columbia University Irving Medical Center*

## DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD BY THE CLASS OF 2020

Marina Catalozzi, MD, MSCE

*Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Population and Family Health at CUMC*

## CLASS HISTORY

Lilian P. McKinley

## ADDRESS

Lee Goldman, MD

## AWARDING OF THE PHD DIPLOMAS

Arthur G. Palmer III, PhD

*Robert Wood Johnson Jr. Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics  
Associate Dean for Graduate Affairs  
Interim Chair, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology*

## AWARDING OF THE MD DIPLOMAS

Lisa A. Mellman, MD

*Samuel Rudin Professor of Psychiatry at CUMC  
Senior Associate Dean for Student Affairs  
Interim Co-Vice Dean for Education*

Jonathan Amiel, MD

*Associate Professor of Psychiatry at CUMC  
Senior Associate Dean for Curricular Affairs  
Interim Co-Vice Dean for Education*

## HIPPOCRATIC OATH

## CLOSING

Lee Goldman, MD

# GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

## PHD CANDIDATES FOR 2019–2020

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Alexa R. Abdelaziz  
Rishi R. Agrawal  
Amelia J. Averitt  
Zachary Baker  
Pedro Baldera-Aguayo  
Elizabeth M. Balough  
Eleanor R.B. Batty  
Veronica K. Birdsall  
Andrew Chen  
Siyang Chen  
Rachel C. Clary  
Frank A. Cusimano  
Filip Cvetkovski  
Ryan Dhindsa  
Gilman Dionne  
Macayla Donegan  
Sarah A. Dugger  
Ethan A. Edwin  
Stephanie Erjavec  
Marina Ermakova  
Samaher Fageiry  
Daniel J. Feller  
Stephen E. Flaherty  
Christian J. Garcia  
Francesca Garretti  
Yossef Goffer  
Benjamin U. Hoffman  
Sophia M. Hirsch  
Alexander L. Hsieh  
Daniel M. Iascone  
Sarah A. Joseph  
Alexander Kitaygorodsky

Christine S. Kim  
Heather M. Lee  
Seoeun Lee  
Gal Levy-Fix  
Ori Lieberman  
Laura K. Long  
Ethan McCurdy  
Luke L.R. McGoldrick  
Neeli Mishra  
Tarun S. Nambiar  
Grace A. Nauman  
Reed M. O'Connor  
Meghan M. Pantalia  
Jimin Park  
Eduardo J. Perez-Torres  
Jose R. Quejada  
Ravi U. Sheth  
Alexander C. Sisti  
Jeewon So  
Patrick W. Stinson  
Elizabeth A. Stivison  
Barbara H.S. Stokes  
Tiffany Tate  
Phyllis M. Thangaraj  
Samik K. Upadhaya  
Rebecca D. Vaadia  
Meaghan E. Van Alstyne  
Benjamin J. van Soldt  
Martin N. Vignovich  
Claire L. Warriner  
Linda J. Williams  
Ling Feng Ye

# FACULTY OF MEDICINE APRIL 2020

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Nicholas H. Adamstein  
Leah Z. Apple \* +  
Benjamin M. Ascherman  
Ethan W. Ayres  
Run Banlengchit  
Robert J. Berg \*  
Steve K. Bii  
Maxwell L. Birger  
Ryan M. Blake  
Miranda Blanco-Breindel  
Margaret H. Bogardus  
Deborah M. Boyett ‡  
Alexander W. Brenner +  
Connor W. Brown  
John R. Burton \*  
Randy K. Casals  
Joshua I. Chalif +  
Michelle H. Chee  
Lillian C. Chen \*  
Sway P. Chen +  
Timothy H. Chen  
Harry Chiang  
Michael B. Chun  
Tyler Cooke  
Matthew Decker  
John Denning  
Jonathan H. Diah \*  
Mohamed Diop ‡  
Tegan Donnelley  
Phuong T. Duong  
Edward C. Eckels  
David S. Edelman \* +  
Amy G. Ellingson  
Natasha S. Freeman +  
Alana I. Ganz \*

Aury V. Garcia \* +  
Enrique J. Garcia  
Emma J. Gerstenzang \* +  
Julia L. Goldberg  
Rhyan R. Goldman  
Yuhan Gu  
Christina C. Gupfinger  
John K. Gutierrez  
Carolyn A. Hennecken  
Evan J. Hess +  
Sitara H. Hirji  
Benjamin L. Hoemann  
Benjamin U. Hoffman  
Adan Horta  
Clare E. Howard  
Kristin T. Hsieh  
Allan B. Huang  
Taylor S. Hudson  
Julie J. Hwang  
Christopher B. Jackson ‡  
Gaston Jean-Louis  
Blair A. Jenkins  
Brian W. Ji +  
Jessica C. Jimenez  
Benjamin I. Joffe  
David E. Kantrowitz +  
David L. Kazadi  
Brigitte E. Kazzi \*  
Connor J. Kinslow  
Rebecca Kogan  
Katrina B. Kostro \*  
Adam J. Kroopnick  
Aaron T. Krumheuer  
Jenna V. Lanz +  
James A. Lasky

+ Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society

\* Gold Humanism Honor Society

‡ MD/MS in Biomedical Sciences (X)

Kevin C. Lee  
Kimberly A. Leon \*  
Saul V. Lincoln  
Natnari N. Linwong  
Megan Liu  
Michael P. Lubin  
Alex Luna  
Rachel L. MacLean +  
Ella M. Magun \*  
Emma G. Marquez  
Roxana Martinez +  
Hannah M. Maynard  
Kyle L. McCormick  
Alison M. McIlvride  
Lilian P. McKinley  
Brandon S. Mogrovejo \*  
Olivia N. Molineaux  
Alexander R. Nectow  
Peter C. Noback  
Olivia F. Nolan \*  
Eytan A. Palte \* +  
Caroline Park  
Sahara Prepetit  
Gabriella C. Puente  
Long Qian  
Dawn S. Queen +  
Mary Raddawi \* +  
Tina Roa \*  
Ramon A. Rodriguez \* +  
Michael R. Rubin  
Katherine A. Ruddy  
Danial Saleem  
Stephen R. Sammons  
Joseph E. Sanchez  
Adam M. Sands

Akshay V. Save ‡  
Benjamin D. Schluger  
Benjamin R. Schrank  
Leila H. Shayegan +  
Reile M. Slattery  
Mahavrat Shaheen Srivastava-Malick  
Kathryn O. Stack  
Nikita Sumzin  
Cristian C. Taborda  
Claudia C. Tenen  
Abinaya A. Thenappan  
David G. Thomas  
Mark D. Travor  
Barbara N. Trejo Ortega \* +  
Vlad I. Velicu ‡  
Alexander H. Vu ‡  
Benjamin A. Wagner +  
Talia C. Weitz  
Elizabeth Marie Will +  
Sarah E. Williams \*  
Natalie M. Wolff  
Casey L. Wright +  
Matthew A. Wright  
Jonathan T. Xu  
Cameron Yang  
Jamie S. Yang  
Justin R. Young  
Michelle Yu ‡  
Sarah N. Yu  
Victoria X. Yu  
Laura D. Yuen  
Caitlin S. Yumori  
Tyler J. Zenga  
Michael A. Zingman  
Kyle B. Zuniga ‡

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# HIPPOCRATIC OATH

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In our profession it is a custom, established more than 2,000 years ago, that no one may be admitted to its honors, who has not first expressly undertaken its obligations. Now, therefore, I call upon you to take, as we have taken before you, the oath which bears the name of Hippocrates. The language in which our predecessors first pronounced it is no longer spoken, the very gods whom they called to witness have been discarded, but still we can find no nobler words than the most ancient in which to hand down the traditions of our calling:

"I do solemnly swear, by whatever each of us holds most sacred,

That I will be loyal to the Profession of Medicine and just and generous to its members.

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

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

That I will exercise my art solely for the cure of my patients, and 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 do I swear. Let each of us bow the head in sign of acquiescence.

And now, if I will be true to this, my oath, may good repute ever be mine; the opposite, if I shall prove myself forsworn."

# FACULTY AWARDS

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## VAGELOS COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

### *BASIC SCIENCE*

Penelope Boyden, PhD

*Special Lecturer in the Department of Pharmacology*

*Professor Emerita of Pharmacology*

### *CLINICAL SCIENCE*

F. Xavier Pi-Sunyer, MD, MPH

*Professor Emeritus of Medicine*

## THE CHARLES W. BOHMFALK AWARDS

### *PRE-CLINICAL YEARS*

Arthur G. Palmer III, PhD

*Robert Wood Johnson Jr. Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics*

*Associate Dean for Graduate Affairs*

*Interim Chair, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology*

### *CLINICAL YEARS*

Julia Iyasere, MD, MBA

*Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine*

## THE ARNOLD P. GOLD FOUNDATION AWARD

### *LEONARD TOW HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD*

Elise Desperito, MD

*Assistant Professor of Radiology at CUMC*

## DOCTOR HAROLD AND GOLDEN LAMPOR RESEARCH AWARDS

### *BASIC SCIENCES*

Dritan Agalliu, PhD

*Assistant Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology (in Neurology)*

### *CLINICAL SCIENCES*

Bernard Chang, MD

*Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine*

## DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD BY THE CLASS OF 2020

Marina Catalozzi, MD, MSCE

*Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Population and Family Health at CUMC*

# STUDENT AWARDS AND PRIZES

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## DOCTOR HARRY S. ALTMAN AWARD

*the Harry S. Altman Memorial Prize is presented annually to a senior medical student who demonstrates enthusiasm, eagerness, integrity, honesty and dedication to the health and well-being of children in the best tradition of Dr. Harry S. Altman*

**Brandon S. Mogrovejo**

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD

*in recognition of interest in and devotion to the Vagelos College of Physicians & Surgeons and its Alumni Association*

**Mary Raddawi**

## AAN MEDICAL STUDENT PRIZE

*for excellence in Neurology*

**Evan J. Hess**

## THE VIRGINIA P. APGAR AWARD

*excellence in Anesthesiology*

**Julie J. Hwang**

## MICHAEL H. ARANOW MEMORIAL PRIZE

*best exemplifies the caring and humane qualities of the practicing physician*

**Sway P. Chen**

**Ramon A. Rodriguez**

**Mary Raddawi**

## HERBERT J. BARTELSTONE AWARD

*exceptional accomplishments in Pharmacology*

**Nicholas H. Adamstein**

## THE BEHRENS MEMORIAL PRIZE IN OPHTHALMOLOGY

*awarded for excellence in clinical acumen in Ophthalmology*

**Abinaya A. Thenappan**

## THE EDWARD T. BELLO, M.D. LISTENING AWARD

*best portrays the art of listening to patients, colleagues and self in practicing their chosen field of Medicine*

Katrina B. Kostro

## ROBERT G. BERTSCH PRIZE

*emulates Dr. Bertsch's ideals of the humane surgeon*

Leila H. Shayegan

## THE CAMPBELL AWARD

*given to a graduating student at each School who demonstrates exceptional leadership and an exemplary job building spirit at Columbia*

David S. Edelman

## CHAIR OF MEDICINE AWARD

*given by the Barasch Family as the Chair of Medicine Award to a graduating senior medical student who best exemplifies the vision, intellectual clarity, and moral compass that characterizes the work of the leadership of the Department of Medicine*

David S. Edelman

## COAKLEY MEMORIAL PRIZE

*outstanding achievement in Otolaryngology*

Victoria X. Yu

## TITUS MUNSON COAN PRIZE

*MD student – best essay in biological sciences*

Adan Horta

Alexander R. Nectow

Connor J. Kinslow

## TITUS MUNSON COAN PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

*PhD student – translational biology*

Meaghan Van Alstyne

## TITUS MUNSON COAN PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

*PhD student – basic cell and molecular biology*

Yong Zi Tan

## THOMAS F. COCK PRIZE

*excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology*

Elizabeth Marie Will

## ROSAMOND KANE CUMMINS '52 AWARD

*graduate entering Orthopedics with academic excellence, sensitivity, kindness, devotion to patients and the fine human qualities that she exemplified*

Kyle L. McCormick

## DEAN'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH (PHD STUDENT)

Ori Lieberman

Ravi Sheth

## DEAN'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO VAGELOS COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS

Ryan M. Blake

Alison M. McIlvride

Tyler Cooke

Brandon S. Mogrovejo

Alana I. Ganz

Olivia N. Molineaux

Benjamin L. Hoemann

Mahavrat Shaheen Srivastava-Malick

Brigitte E. Kazzi

Benjamin A. Wagner

Adam Kroopnick

Sarah N. Yu

Megan Liu

Michael A. Zingman

Alex Luna

## THE ENDOCRINE SOCIETY'S MEDICAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Maxwell L. Birger

## EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH AWARD

Christina C. Gupfinger

## FAMILY MEDICINE STUDENT RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Amy G. Ellingson

## DANIEL J. FINK, MD MEMORIAL PRIZE

*best exemplifies Dr. Fink's enthusiasm for the study and practice of medicine*

Claudia C. Tenen

## LOUIS GIBOFSKY MEMORIAL PRIZE

*research work in the areas of nephrology, renal immunology, renal physiology or transplant immunology*

Natasha S. Freeman

## GLASGOW-RUBIN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

*presented to women students graduating in the top 10% of their class*

Leah Z. Apple

Dawn S. Queen

Tegan Donnelley

Leila H. Shayegan

Emma J. Gerstenzang

Reile M. Slattery

Julia L. Goldberg

Kathryn O. Stack

Brigitte E. Kazzi

Elizabeth M. Will

Jenna V. Lanz

Casey L. Wright

Megan Liu

Victoria X. Yu

Rachel L. MacLean

## DOCTOR CHARLES E. HAMILTON AWARD

*excellence in Pulmonary Disease*

Danial Saleem

## EMMETT HOLT FELLOWSHIP AWARD

*awarded to a graduating medical student in honor of the student's exceptional promise in the field of Pediatrics and dedication to children*

Matthew Decker

## THE IZARD PRIZE IN CARDIOLOGY

*excellence in Cardiology*

Gaston Jean-Louis

## JANEWAY PRIZE

*highest achievement and abilities in the graduating class*

Brian W. Ji

Eytan A. Palte

## THE JERRY JACOBS PRIZE IN PEDIATRICS

*presented to a graduating student who has demonstrated excellence in the differential diagnosis and treatment of disorders in children*

Emma J. Gerstenzang

Sarah E. Williams

## **ALBERT B. KNAPP SCHOLARSHIP**

*awarded at the conclusion of the third year to the medical student with the highest scholarship in the first three years*

Leah Z. Apple

Rachel L. MacLean

Alexander W. Brenner

Leila H. Shayegan

Emma J. Gerstenzang

Casey L. Wright

David E. Kantrowitz

## **JOHN K. LATTIMER PRIZE IN UROLOGY**

*awarded for excellence in urologic research*

Kyle B. Zuniga

## **THE STEPHANIE LIEM AZAR MEMORIAL AWARD**

*presented to a graduating student who has demonstrated commitment to harm reduction and providing compassionate care to drug users*

Ryan M. Blake

## **DONALD A.B. LINDBERG, MD, (P&S '58) AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS**

Brian W. Ji

## **ANDREW MARK LIPPARD MEMORIAL RESEARCH AWARD IN NEUROSCIENCE**

*excellence in research in neuroscience by an MD-PhD student*

Blair A. Jenkins

## **BARBARA LISKIN MEMORIAL AWARD IN PSYCHIATRY**

*exemplifies the empathy, scholarship, and excellence exhibited by Dr. Barbara Liskin*

Barbara N. Trejo Ortega

## **THE ROBERT F. LOEB AWARD**

*excellence in Clinical Medicine*

Jenna V. Lanz

Benjamin A. Wagner

## **F. LOWENFISH PRIZE IN DERMATOLOGY**

*creative research in Dermatology*

Blair A. Jenkins

Dawn S. Queen

## **ALFRED M. MARKOWITZ ENDOWMENT FOR SCHOLARS**

*exemplifies Dr. Markowitz's dedication to patient care, teaching and scholarship*

Victoria X. Yu

## **DOCTOR CECIL G. MARQUEZ B.A.L.S.O.**

### **STUDENT AWARD**

*outstanding contribution to the Black and Latino Student Organization and the minority community*

Mohamed Diop

## **DAVID M. MCDOWELL M.D. '89 SCHOOL SPIRIT AWARD**

*awarded to the student who best embodies the Vagelos College of Physician and Surgeons school spirit*

Jonathan T. Xu

## **EDITH AND DENTON MCKANE MEMORIAL AWARD**

*awarded for excellence in Ophthalmic research*

Sitara H. Hirji

Sarah N. Yu

## **JAMES M. MCKIERNAN, M.D. PRIZE FOR COMPASSIONATE CARE**

*exemplifies Dr. James McKiernan's high level of medical knowledge, humanism, and compassion for patients' wellbeing*

Randy K. Casals

## **MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

Connor W. Brown

Olivia N. Molineaux

Randy K. Casals

Olivia F. Nolan

## **DOCTOR HAROLD LEE MEIRHOF MEMORIAL PRIZE**

*excellence in Pathology over four years in medical school*

Mahavrat Shaheen Srivastava-Malick

## DOCTORS WILLIAM NASTUK, BEATRICE SEEGAL, KONRAD HSU, AND LOUIS P. ROWLAND AWARD

*demonstrated successful laboratory collaboration between  
student and faculty*

Benjamin U. Hoffman

Jessica C. Jimenez

## MARIE NERCESSIAN MEMORIAL AWARD

*exhibiting care, unusual concern, and dedication to helping sick people*

Kimberly A. Leon

## NEW YORK ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL AWARD

*outstanding performance in research and clinical work*

Peter C. Noback

## THE DANIEL NOYES BROWN PRIMARY CARE SCHOLAR AWARD

*recognizes the recipients' commitment to primary care and community service*

Amy G. Ellingson

Cristian C. Taborda

Aury V. Garcia

Barbara N. Trejo Ortega

Lilian P. McKinley

Sarah E. Williams

Gabriella C. Puente

## THE OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO VAGELOS COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS AWARD

*outstanding contribution to improving the quality of life of his or her peers  
while at the Vagelos College of Physicians & Surgeons*

Lilian P. McKinley

## OUTSTANDING POSTER PRESENTATION

2019 AWARDEES

*Research Year*

Deborah M. Boyett – 2nd place

*Clinical Science*

Michael P. Lubin – 1st place

*Clinical Science*

Akshay V. Save – 2nd place

*Basic Science*

2020 AWARDEES

*Scholarly Project*

Nicholas H. Adamstein – 1st place

Caitlin S. Yumori – 2nd place

Gaston Jean-Louis – 3rd place

## **OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN FAMILY MEDICINE**

*demonstrates academic achievement in the area of family medicine, has shown initiative in community health service and an understanding and commitment to the principles of family medicine.*

**Aury V. Garcia**

## **DONALD M. PALATUCCI PRIZE**

*awarded to the student in the fall of his or her fourth year who is in the upper one-third of the class, who exemplifies through activities in art, music and literature that living and learning go together, and who exemplifies compassion, candor and zest for life.*

**Robert J. Berg**

**Kyle L. McCormick**

**Jenna V. Lanz**

## **JOSEPH GARRISON PARKER AWARD**

*exemplifying through activities in art, music and literature and the public interest the fact that living and learning go together*

**Rhyan R. Goldman**

## **THE DRS. ROBERT A. SAVITT AND GEORGE H. MCCORMACK AWARD**

*exemplifies Dr. George McCormack's medical skill, consideration, understanding and compassion*

**Natasha S. Freeman**

**Ella M. Magun**

**Gaston Jean-Louis**

## **THE REBECCA A. SCHWARZ MEMORIAL PRIZE**

*The Rebecca A. Schwarz Memorial Prize was established in November 1981 by Dr. and Mrs. Steven M. Schwarz. This prize is a memorial tribute to their infant daughter, Rebecca, who died after surgery to repair a congenital heart defect. In appreciation for the support and care they received throughout Rebecca's life, the Schwarz family established this prize to be presented to a senior medical student who displayed excellence during their study of pediatric heart disease.*

**Kathryn O. Stack**

## **THE HELEN M. SCIARRA PRIZE IN NEUROLOGY**

*outstanding achievement in Neurology*

**Jessica C. Jimenez**

## SEVERINGHAUS AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP

*superior leadership and academic achievement*

Ramon A. Rodriguez

## THE SOCIETY FOR ACADEMIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE AWARD

*excellence in the specialty of Emergency Medicine*

Connor W. Brown

## THE MIRIAM BERKMAN SPOTNITZ AWARD

*excellence in research of neoplastic diseases*

Maxwell L. Birger

Hannah M. Maynard

Brian W. Ji

## THE LEONARD TOW HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD

*excellence in science and compassion in patient care*

Mary Raddawi

## VAGELOS COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS CLINICAL RESEARCH AWARD

*research involving human subjects*

Sitara H. Hirji

Matthew A. Wright

Abinaya A. Thenappan

Justin R. Young

## WILLIAM PERRY WATSON PRIZE IN PEDIATRICS

*established in 1922, this is the oldest award in pediatrics. Awarded to the member of the VP&S graduating class showing the most valuable work in the study of the diseases of infants and children during his or her regular courses*

Lilian P. McKinley

Gabriella C. Puente

## DOCTOR WILLIAM RAYNOR WATSON MEMORIAL AWARD

*excellence in Psychiatry throughout the four years of medical school*

Alex Luna

## DOCTOR ALLEN O. WHIPPLE MEMORIAL PRIZE

*outstanding performance in Surgery*


Alexander W. Brenner

## SIGMUND L. WILENS PRIZE

*excellence in Pathology*

Carolyn A. Hennecken

Katherine A. Ruddy

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