Class of 2027
White Coat Ceremony
October 13, 2023
1:00 p.m.
Ira Allen Chapel

The Robert Larner, M.D. College of Medicine at the University of Vermont
Robert Larner, M.D. College of Medicine Class of 2027

Neelia Abadi  Edward Harrington  Maxwell Pendleton
Mohamed Ahmed  Jeffrey Heithmar  Kevin Peters
Saim Ali  Michael Hermanto  Sarah Pfreundschuh
Alexia Amaio  Mikayla Howie  Curtis Plante
Anastasia Arvin-DiBlasio  Julia Hurley  Varsha Pudi
 Jake Ayisi  Syed Jafri  Rhea Puthuman
 Lajla Badnjevic  Anthony Jeong  Kristin Reed
Claire Baptiste  Caroline Johnston  Jake Reigle
Tanner Baroni  Greta Joos  Jaime Rodriguez
Karthheek Batchu  Nick Jowkar  Jill Rogers
Jeremiah Bates  Raihan Kabir  Sung Bin Roh
Kimberly Bau  Arya Kale  Benjamin Rubin
Evan Baugh  Ian Kent  Chloe Ruscilli
Cliff Bauman  Thomas Khodadad  Harjas Sabharwal
Caitie Beattie  Nicholas Khoo  Matt Saunders
Shannon Bennett  Sulekha Kilas  Lauren Schiff
Sasha Bonesteel  Grace Kim  Benjamin Sebuufu
Martin Briche  Oliver Koch  Isaac Sellinger
Sean Britton  Benjamin Koren  Eunice Suberu
Naomi Burhans  Taylor Krause  Zaymee Syeda
Marina Cannon  Maxime Lapointe-Gagner  Claudia Tarrant
Brian Canova  Marie Kimberly Lim  Evelyn Thomas
Jonathan Chen  Anne Lindholm  Isabel Thomas
Sarah Chiavacci  Erin Manogaran  Kelly Tran
Cassandra Chin  Noah Manz  Merisah Trisciuzzi
Alison Chivers  Ryan Marawala  Selin Tukel
Francisco Cordero  Eryney Marrogi  Liv Velasquez
Elliot Culleen  Aiden Masters  Serena Verma
Oona Davies  Elizabeth Medve  Alexander Vitali
Ivan Davis  Abigail Mercier  Evie Wakeman
Aaron Dees  Hamza Mirza  Andrew Warfield
Kiersten Donovan  Carlos Montejo  Shannon Wasley
Dalton Dowd  Ranya Moshashaian Aasl  Kyra Weaver
Joseph Du  Matthew Mullen  Zachary Wheeler
Andries Feder  Harsimran Multani  Jonathon Woo
Joselvin Galeas  Jai Narain  Garrett Wu
 Julia Geaghan-Breiner  Nicki Nikkhoy  Oliver Young
Lindsey Gleason  Estefania Obando  Amir Zafaranian
Clara Goebel  Jonathan Palmer Fee  Eli Zettler
Anna Gorbacheva  Elizabeth Pendlebury  Leena Ziane

The Arnold P. Gold Foundation provides the gift of the Humanism in Medicine lapel pins to each medical student participating in the White Coat Ceremony.

The UVM Office of Primary Care provides each student with a keepsake copy of The Oath.

Larner College of Medicine alumni have written White Coat Notes, messages of encouragement for each medical student tucked in the pocket of each white coat.
White Coat Ceremony
For the last quarter-century, the White Coat Ceremony has been a ritual at U.S. medical schools that officially welcomes students into the medical profession and emphasizes the responsibility they carry as they don the traditional physician’s white coat.

Amy Shortt, M. MUS.
University Organist

WELCOME
Christa H. Zehle, M.D.’99
Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education, Professor of Pediatrics

REMARKS
Richard L. Page, M.D.
Dean, Larner College of Medicine, Professor of Medicine

Stephen Leffler, M.D.’90
President and Chief Operating Officer,
The University of Vermont Medical Center

HUMANISM IN MEDICINE KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Jeremiah Dickerson, M.D.
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Larner College of Medicine, 2023 Humanism in Medicine Award recipient presented by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation

PRESENTATION OF COATS
Leila Amiri, Ph.D.
Associate Dean for Admissions,
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Mary Cushman, M.D.’89, M.Sc.
President, UVM Larner College of Medicine Alumni Association,
Professor of Medicine and Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

Karen George, M.D., M.P.H.
Associate Dean for Students,
Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Ellen Kulaga, M.D.
Assistant Dean for Students, Connecticut Campus,
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Karen Lounsbury, Ph.D.
Assistant Dean, Pre-Clinical Curriculum,
Professor of Pharmacology

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH
Richard L. Page, M.D.

Reception to follow at the Grand Maple Ballroom, Dudley H. Davis Center
The Oath

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.

Adapted from the Oath of Lasagna of 1964

PROFESSIONALISM AT THE LARNER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Our Larner College of Medicine community upholds the highest standards of professionalism as we follow our passion for lifelong learning and improvement. We demonstrate professionalism through integrity, accountability, compassion, altruism, and social responsibility. We honor the trust our society has placed in us as stewards of the art and science of medicine, relying on cultural humility, kindness, and respect to guide our daily interactions. We expect all members of our community to embrace these principles of professionalism as we strive to conduct and support patient care, research, and education that are second to none.