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***The following is sent on behalf of Liz Dohrman, Larner Events Manager, with Office of Medical Education support:***

Hello, graduating members of the Class of 2023!

We are a little more than a week from your Larner College of Medicine Ceremony on Sunday, May 21, and there is some important information you need to know before the big day arrives. All the info below pertains to your 3pm Sunday Ceremony in the Ira Allen Chapel unless otherwise indicated.

**PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THIS ENTIRE EMAIL.**

**COVID/Illness**

- If you have symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 and are unable to attend the ceremony due to illness or other emergency, please contact [Liz Dohrman](#).

**Participating in the Ceremonies**

- If you had previously indicated that you were not going to participate in the ceremony at 3pm, but have changed your mind, please let [Liz Dohrman](#) know before THURSDAY, May 18 to ensure we have enough seats set out on the floor for all students.
- As a reminder, the UVM Commencement Ceremony is on Sunday at 8:20 AM and all graduates of the College of Medicine are strongly encouraged to attend. Those attending the UVM Commencement Ceremony should arrive at the Andrew Harris Common (between the Davis Center and the library) at 7:45 AM wearing full regalia.
- The guest speaker for the main campus ceremony is the Honorable Sethuraman Panchanathan, director of the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF). [Click here](#) to learn more about this year's speaker.

**Guest and Student Speaker**

- This year's student speaker from the Class of 2023 will be your classmate, Daniel Castro!
- We are also very excited to announce that [Gaurab Basu, M.D.'10](#) will be our guest speaker for the Larner College of Medicine ceremony!

**Arrival Time/Check-In**

- **Please arrive at the back entrance to Ira Allen Chapel no later than 2:00 PM on Sunday, May 21.** The back entrance is accessed from the Votey Parking Lot.
- When you arrive, please make your way to Billings 165 (enter the back doors, turn right).
- Staff will be there to help direct you to the check-in area. You must check in with our staff in Billings 165 when you arrive.

**What to Wear**

- **Please wear semi-formal attire.** Low or flat shoes and highly encouraged. High heels are not recommended, as the steps up to and off the stage are narrow and steep.
- **Regalia: You must have full medical regalia to participate in Commencement.** Full medical regalia includes your black robe with green velvet on collar and sleeves, black four-sided tam (hat) with gold/yellow tassel, and hood. If you forget your regalia, we cannot ensure we will

have enough for you to borrow. See the Ceremony Details section below for info on how to wear your regalia.

### Tickets

- Graduates do not need a ticket, but **all guests are required to have a ticket to enter the Chapel. Guests who do not have tickets will not be allowed to enter.**
- All guests with tickets will be able to enter the Chapel through the front doors at 2:00 PM. Guests should print out their ticket and bring a printed copy with them, if possible, as printed tickets scan more easily than electronic tickets. Each ticket has a different number associated with it. Please ensure your guests do not print out copies of the same ticket. They will not be able to enter if their ticket number has already been scanned by someone else.

### Guest Hooders

- If you have asked a faculty member or LCOM Alumni to be your guest hooder but have not yet told Liz Dohrman, please get in touch ASAP with [Liz Dohrman](#) at to see if we can still accommodate your request.
- If you have already asked a faculty member or LCOM Alumni to be your guest hooder and your guest hooder has not received an email with instructions from Liz Dohrman or if they have questions about guest hooding, please [contact Liz Dohrman](#). An additional message will be shared with them today.

### ASL Interpreters, Seating Assistance, Wheelchair Seating, Live Captioning & Accessible Parking

- Should you or a guest wish to have ASL interpreting or other require other accommodations, please fill out and submit the [ADA Accommodations and Accessible Parking Request Form](#) no later than Wednesday, May 17.
- Live captioning (CART: Communication Access Realtime Translation) will be provided.
- If a family member or guest needs accessible parking, seating assistance, will require wheelchair seating, or requires use of a transport wheelchair to and from the ceremony, please fill out and submit the [ADA Accommodations and Accessible Parking Request Form](#) no later than Wednesday, May 17.

### Parking/Shuttle Bus

- Graduates, guests, and participants of the Larner College of Medicine Commencement Ceremony are asked to park in the UHC Lot. This lot must be accessed from South Williams Street, as South Prospect will be closed to traffic. The parking lot is a short walk across the UVM green from the Ira Allen Chapel. More information about parking, including a map showing the UHC lot location, click [here](#).
- To request accessible parking, please complete and submit the [ADA Accommodations and Accessible Parking Request Form](#) no later than Wednesday, May 17.
- A shuttle bus will be available from Ira Allen Chapel to the Davis Center following the Larner College of Medicine Ceremony for the reception. The shuttle will also run from the Davis Center returning guests to the UHC parking lot until 7:00 PM.

### Ceremony Details

- Before the procession begins, all students will line up in alphabetical order.
- You should be wearing your robe and your 4-sided tam (hat) with one of the points in the front and the tassel draped over the left side. You should carry your hood over your left arm with the green velvet showing. See the attached picture for a visual.
- You will process into the Chapel following the faculty procession and break into the white chair rows at the front of the Chapel.
- When the conferring of medical degrees begins, wait until you are cued to walk up to the stairs of the stage. Make sure your guest hooder also gets up at the same time you do and stands next to you in line as you wait to ascend the stage. If you do not have a guest hooder you will stand on your own.
- When you ascend the stage your guest hooder should follow you. They will not cross the stage with you, they will return to their seat using the same stairs you used to access the stage.
- At the end of the ceremony, you will process out of Ira Allen Chapel and assemble on the steps for a class photo in front of the Chapel. After the class photo has been taken, please

join us in the Davis Center Grand Maple Ballroom with your guests for a reception.

**Post-Ceremony Photos**

- [Photos of graduates being hooded and receiving their diplomas will be available for purchase.](#) Please allow at least one month for photos to be uploaded.
- Other [photos from the ceremony may be viewed and downloaded for free.](#) Please allow one to two weeks for photos to be uploaded to this gallery.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

**Liz Dohrman** (She/Her)

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