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Saturday, May 14, 2022
TEN O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING

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as they receive degrees from

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One of the nation’s most comprehensive academic health science centers,
UTHealth Houston is home to six schools:
Jane and Robert Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth Houston
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UTHealth Houston School of Biomedical Informatics
UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry
UTHealth School of Public Health
TO OUR GRADUATES

This year, UTHealth Houston is celebrating our 50th anniversary as the city’s premier health university, and we are deeply honored that you have chosen to be a part of our history and our future.

During today’s combined commencement ceremony, we salute your achievements at UTHealth Houston and the careers of service you are entering.

Bringing together our graduates of UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry, UTHealth School of Public Health, and Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth Houston represents essential teamwork in health care.

And more than anything, it signifies that we are many faces with one mission—to advance the quality of human life by enhancing the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease and injury, as well as promoting individual health and community well-being.

We need each of you—your skills, your experience, your training, your collaborative spirit, and most importantly, your passion for health care and discovery.

On this momentous occasion, you join more than 50,000 UTHealth Houston graduates who have dedicated their lives to service. I commend you all for this decision, and I thank you and your families for trusting us with your education.

To the members of this class, congratulations…I know that you will make us proud.

Giuseppe N. Colasurdo, MD
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Dr. Colasuardo and Dr. Santa Maria
Diplomas and Hooding
Cizik School of Nursing Faculty
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Closing and Congratulations
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The wearing of academic regalia, adopted by American institutions of higher education during the last century, is a tradition preserved from the medieval days of universities. The ordinary dress of the scholar, whether student or teacher, was the dress of a cleric, and originally, gowns were worn for warmth in unheated buildings and hoods were designed to cover the tonsured head. Modern academic dress follows a code of regulations that allow for distinguishing the conferred degree and the degree-awarding institution. The hood lining represents our institution's colors, while the binding colors of the hoods designate the degree earned.

The gown for the bachelor's degree has squared-off sleeves. The gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, while the sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of the master's degree gown sleeve is oblong in shape and square cut, with the front portion of the sleeve cut away in an arc. Bachelor's and master's degree gowns are untrimmed. The cap is a mortarboard with a tassel.

The gown for the doctor's degree has bell-shaped sleeves. For the doctoral degree, the gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three bars of velvet used across the sleeves. These velvet facings and crossbars are of the color distinctive for the degree. The cap for the doctor's degree is a multihued velvet tam with a tassel.

REGALIA COLORS
- Dentistry: Lilac
- Nursing: Apricot
- Philosophy: Dark Blue
- Public Health: Salmon
- Science: Golden Yellow
For more than 100 years, UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry has set the standard for oral health excellence by educating outstanding dentists and dental hygienists, advancing research in new fields of science and technology, and caring for the people of Texas, including its most vulnerable populations. The school’s mission is to improve human health by providing high-quality education, patient care, service, and research in oral health for Texas, the nation, and the world.

Founded in 1905, UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry was the first dental school in Texas and the first professional school in Houston. The school became part of UT System in 1943, and became part of UTHealth Houston in 1972. The school continues to lead dental education today with the vision of "Improving Oral Health...Improving Overall Health."
THE DENTIST’S PLEDGE

I, as a member of the dental profession, shall keep this pledge and these stipulations.

I understand and accept that my primary responsibility is to my patients, and I shall diligently strive to render, to the best of my ability, the highest standards of oral health care and to maintain a relationship of respect and confidence, trust and confidence, let all come to my feet in the knowledge that these ideals are in public and are the most important.

I shall accept the responsibility that, as a professional, my competence and continuing the attachment of knowledge and skill in the arts and sciences of dentistry.

I acknowledge my obligations to support and defend the honor and integrity of the profession and to conduct myself in all endeavors high that I shall merit the respect of patients, colleagues, and my community.

I further commit myself to the retention of this community and the public in all areas.

I shall faithfully observe the principles of ethics and codes of professional conduct set forth by the profession.

All this I pledge with pride in my commitment to the profession and the public it serves.

DENTAL HYGIENE OATH

In my practice as a dental hygienist, I affirm my personal and professional commitment to improve the oral health of the public, to advance the art and science of dental hygiene, and to promote high standards of care.

I pledge continuously to improve my personal knowledge and skills, to render a full measure of service to each patient entrusted to my care, and to uphold the highest standards of professional competence and personal conduct in the interest of the dental hygiene profession and the public it serves.

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candidates receiving the certificate in Dental Hygiene

Daisy Couto Jones Anicio
Academic Achievement Award
Hu-Friedy Clinical Achievement Award-Golden Scaler

Arpine Jambazian
Gene Strovroun, DDS, Memorial Award in Evidence-based Dentistry - DH
UTSD Evidence-Based Dentistry Award

Terisa B. Khou
Shirah May Hall Memorial Scholarship in Dental Hygiene

Katarina I. Morton

Vy T. Nguyen
Anees M. Ponce De Leon
UTSD Simulation Award

candidates receiving the degree of Master of Science in Dentistry and Postgraduate Certificate

Ola Al Hatem, DDS
Specialty: Prosthodontics

Nestor Alvarez Lamela, DMD
Specialty: Prosthodontics

Sarah Arafat, DDS, MPH
Specialty: Pediatric Dentistry

Han Na Cho, DMD
Specialty: Endodontics

Darin Chokddee, DMD
Specialty: Pediatric Dentistry

Ryan Cody, DDS
The Dr. Milton and Florence Yellen Scholarship Fund
Specialty: Orthodontics

Gabriella Diaz, DDS
Specialty: Periodontics

Andrew Dugum, DMD, MPH
Specialty: Periodontics

Madison Fantin, DDS
Specialty: Pediatric Dentistry

Keagan Foss, DDS
Dr. Pauline C. “Jackie” Duke Orthodontic Residency Scholarship
Specialty: Orthodontics

Kyle Gopfarth, DDS
Dr. Pauline C. “Jackie” Duke Orthodontic Residency Scholarship
Dr. Heyl G. Tebo Endowed Scholarship Fund
Specialty: Orthodontics

Austyn Grissom, DMD
Specialty: Endodontics

Henry Hoffman, DDS
Dr. Pauline C. “Jackie” Duke Orthodontic Residency Scholarship

Asia Inagaki, DDS
Specialty: Prosthodontics

Megan britani, DDS
Specialty: Pediatric Dentistry

Ryne Jackson, DMD
Specialty: Endodontics

Jason Knapp, DDS
Specialty: Endodontics

Marianna McNamara, DMD, MPH
Specialty: Endodontics

Jeffrey Mount, DDS
Dr. Pauline C. “Jackie” Duke Orthodontic Residency Scholarship

Megan Nguyen, DDS
Specialty: Pediatric Dentistry

Thomas Nguyen, DDS
Specialty: Pediatric Dentistry

Rosangel Oropeza, DDS
Specialty: Pediatric Dentistry

Sumedha Sharma, DMD
Specialty: Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Pauline C. “Jackie” Duke Orthodontic Residency Scholarship

Dr. Heyl G. Tebo Endowed Scholarship Fund

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Dr. Heyl G. Tebo Endowed Scholarship Fund
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Jennifer Siller, DDS
Dr. Pauline C. "Jackie" Duke Orthodontic Residency Scholarship
Specialty: Orthodontics

Hillary Straussner, DDS, MPH
Specialty: Pediatric Dentistry

Georgi Talmazov, DDS
Specialty: Prosthodontics

Richard Wallach, DDS
The Dr. Milton and Florence Yellen Scholarship Fund
Specialty: Orthodontics

candidates receiving a Postgraduate Certificate

Cory Callahan, DDS
Specialty: Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Tony Chlay, DMD
Specialty: General Practice Residency

Jeung Cho, DMD
Specialty: General Practice Residency

Jung Hwa Choi, MD
Specialty: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 6 Years

Haley Christians, DDS
Specialty: Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Sebastian East, DDS
Specialty: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 4 Years

Jay Hwang, DDS
Specialty: Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Hans Igou, DDS
Specialty: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 4 Years

Helder Jacob, DDS, MSc, PhD
Specialty: Orthodontics Advanced Standing

Duc Lam, MD
Specialty: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 6 Years

Andrew Monell, DMD
Specialty: Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Tiffany Pham, DMD
Specialty: General Practice Residency

Dominik Rudecki, DMD
Specialty: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 4 Years

Lauren Sanchez, DDS
Specialty: General Practice Residency 2 Years

Pasha Sanders, DDS, MD
Specialty: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 6 Years

Eman Yusuf, DDS
Specialty: General Practice Residency
candidates receiving the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery

Michael Akinyeye
Academy Plans
General Practice Residency

Sage N. Amin
Practice Plan
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Michael B. Andrews
Robert D. Smith and James L. Rust Award
American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Dental Student Award
Houston Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon Award
American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Achievement Award
Gonzalo Kang Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award
Walter G. Sterling Award
Academy Plans
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency

Sam M. Anton
American Dental Society of Anesthesiology (Horace Wells) Award
Academy Plans
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency

Arash Ashouri
Practice Plan
Private Practice

Joshua S. Bear
Practice Plan
Private Practice

Kalin J. Bhavan
American Equilibration Society Award
American Academy of Orofacial Pain Outstanding Senior Award
Academy Plans
Private Practice, Wichita Falls, Texas

Assalai A. Boulos
Practice Plan
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Rachel Cai
Hedvig Award
Practice Plan
Private Practice

Jay T. Colucci
North District Dental Society Award for Collegiality
Practice Plan
Private Practice

Megan L. Crocker
Practice Plan
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Giancarlo Cruz
Delta Dental Scholarship for Dental and Dental Hygiene Students
Practice Plan
Private Practice

Elizabeth A. Cutbirth
Practice Plan
Private Practice, Magnolia, Texas

Stacey N. Diep
Women of Rotary Club UT Dental Branch Student Texas Association of Women Dentists
Academy Plans
Pediatric Residency

Kelly H. Dinh
Practice Plan
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Dominic J. DiRusso
Practice Plan
Private Practice

Marlena Dobbs
Academy Plans
Army, Military Service, Augusta, Georgia

Dylan L. Dogac
Texas Dental Association Outstanding Senior Award
Practice Plan
Private Practice, Caldwell, Texas

Jocelyn Duarte
Dr. Jeanne Craig Sinkford Student Leadership Award
W. Kenneth Herold, DDS, Ethics and Professionalism Award
Practice Plan
Private Practice

Mina Elahi
Academy of General Dentistry Award
Practice Plan
Private Practice

Mary Anna A. Elliott Ontiveros
Lola B. and James R. Ballinger, DDS Scholarship
Academy Plans
General Practice Residency

Ibrahim Elyamany
Practice Plan
Private Practice

Joshua N. England
Practice Plan
Private Practice

Ryan P. Fahmy
Practice Plan
Private Practice, Elgin, Texas

Noah B. Falla
James N. Ferguson Dental Academy Award
Gonzalo Kang Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award
Academy Plans
Orthodontics Residency

Anna Feng
Delta Dental Scholarship for Dental and Dental Hygiene Students
Academy Plans
Pediatric Residency

Rachel G. Finelli
Women of Rotary Club UT Dental Branch Student
Gonzalo Kang Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award
Practice Plan
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Jonathan George
Practice Plan
Private Practice

Joshua George
Practice Plan
Private Practice, Dallas, Texas

Kirouls S. Gowid
Houston Academy of General Dentistry Award
Academy Plans
Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency

Karun B. Grewal
Practice Plan
Private Practice, Dallas, Texas

Salem Hedges
Practice Plan
Private Practice, Dallas, Texas

Omid Hadji
Academy Plans
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency

Amira H. Haidar
American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry
Practice Plan
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Matthew Halfmann
William “Scan” Lefton, DDS Memorial Scholarship
Academy Plans
Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency

Vivian Harris
Lola B. and James R. Ballinger, DDS Scholarship
Practice Plan
Private Practice, Dallas, Texas

Winston A. Heath
Practice Plan
Private Practice

Kimberly B. Heaton
American Academy of Oral Medicine Certificate of Merit and Award in Oral Medicine
Gonzalo Kang Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award
Practice Plan
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

John K. Herchuk
Practice Plan
Private Practice, Dallas, Texas

Landon V. Hirachi
Lola B. and James R. Ballinger, DDS Scholarship
Academy Plans
Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency

Paulina N. Ho
The Houston Asian American Dental Society Scholarship
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Predoctoral Student Award
Academy Plans
Pediatric Residency

Kimberly N. Hoang
Practice Plan
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Che-Yu Hsu
The Brian D. Stone Memorial Award from Dental Lifeline Network
Practice Plan
Private Practice, Austin, Texas
candidates receiving the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery

Jillian M. Hoffman
Ontario Kappa Delta Dental Honor Society Award
Private Practice
Orthodontics Residency

Chance A. Hunsaker
North District Dental Society Award for Ethics and Integrity
American College of Dentists Outstanding Student Leader Award
UTSD Alumni Association Senior Award
Academy Plan
Master of Digital Dentistry

Blake M. Hutzler
North District Dental Society Award for Collegiality
Private Practice

Samuel Johnson
Academy Plan
General Practice Residency

Lucia Karam
Ontario Kappa Delta Dental Honor Society Award
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Elizabeth M. Karkour
Private Practice

Dooyeol Kim
American Association of Orthodontists Award
Ontario Kappa Delta Dental Honor Society Award
Academy Plan
Orthodontics Residency

Erik T. Le
Private Practice

Raymond Lu
Lota B. and James R. Ballinger DDS Scholarship
Edwards C. Wells Academy Award
Academy Plan
Choral and Multifacultural - 6 year residency

Taylor T. Ma
Academy of Laser Dentistry Award
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Selma G. Mahmoud
Hanna Bell of the Best Award for Excellence in Preprosthodontics
Ontario Kappa Delta Dental Honor Society Award
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Van Anh X. Mai
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Kiran K. Makhnejea
Private Practice

Juliana J. Masabni
Delta Dental Scholarship for Dental and Dental Hygiene Students
Society for Simulation in Healthcare Student Award
Ontario Kappa Delta Dental Honor Society Award
Academy Plan
Pediatric Dentistry

Victoria B. McCullough
Delta Dental Scholarship for Dental and Dental Hygiene Students
North District Dental Society Award for Collegiality
Private Practice, Austin, Texas

Patrick J. Mendez
Private Practice

Daniel P. Mendezo
American Academy of Implant Dentistry Undergraduate Dental Student Award
Academy Plan
Navy, Military Service, San Diego, California

Simone A. Mercereau
Brick and Tomato Foster Scholarship
Plano-Foards Academy Scholar Student Award
UTSD Student Award in Applied Basic Science Award
UTSD Information Award
Academy Plan
Private Practice

Ashley M. Miller
Lota B. and James R. Ballinger DDS Scholarship
Private Practice

Caroline E. Miller
Private Practice, Fort Worth, Texas

Daisy Montano
Private Practice

Ali K. Najm
Private Practice

Saira Nawaz
Private Practice

Clayton T. Nguyen
North District Dental Society Award for Collegiality
Private Practice, Austin, Texas

Terry Nguyen
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Vivien T. Nguyen
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Mary Jocelyn E. Nisnisan
American Academy of Periodontology Dental Student Achievement Award
American Academy of Osseointegration Outstanding Dental Student in Implant Dentistry Award
Private Practice

Vivian T. Nguyen
Private Practice, Port Lavaca, Texas

Anisha Y. Reddy
Private Practice

Ashley L. Redden
American College of Prosthodontists
Private Practice, Port Lavaca, Texas

Sarah E. Ohn
North District Dental Society Award for Collegiality
Private Practice, Dallas, Texas

Christopher L. Orozco
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Andrea O. Papajililo
The Three Leaders in Dentistry Scholarship
American Association of Public Health Dentistry Recognition Award
Private Practice

Chandler A. Pruitt
T. Bradford Willis Scholarship in Pediatric Dentistry
International College of Dentists Student Humanitarian Award
Ontario Kappa Delta Dental Honor Society Award
Academy Plan
Pediatric Dentistry

Claudia A. Pruneda
Rancho-Rancho South Texas General Dentistry Scholarship
Academy of Osseointegration Outstanding Dental Student in Implant Dentistry Award
Private Practice

Bryce A. O’Donnell
American College of Prosthodontists
Private Practice

Sarah E. Ohn
North District Dental Society Award for Collegiality
Private Practice, Dallas, Texas

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American Academy of Periodontology Dental Student Achievement Award
The American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry Undergraduate Clinical Case Award
Private Practice

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Terry Nguyen
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

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Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Mary Jocelyn E. Nisnisan
American Academy of Periodontology Dental Student Achievement Award
ADSH Award of Excellence
Private Practice

Patricia A. Nunez
American Academy of Oral Implantologists/ODENTISPV Student Achievement Award
Private Practice

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American Academy of Oral Implantologists/ODENTISPV Student Achievement Award
Private Practice

Elvira Nowrosh
The Academy of Dentistry International Student Servant Leadership Award
Quintessence Award for Research Achievement
Academy Plan
General Practice Residency

Ashley L. Redden
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candidates receiving the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery

Dane C. Risinger
American Association of Orthodontists Award
Academy of Dental Materials Award
Omicron-Kappa-Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award
Houston Chapter of the American Association for Dental Research Award
John C. Russell
Orthodontics Residency
Private Practice, Houston, Texas
Sarah Rustom
General Practice Residency
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Neda M. Seed
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Adam B. Safari
W. Kenneth Horwitz, DDS, Ethics and Professionalism Award
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Laura M. Santo Salvo
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Monica E. Scotka
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Ann M. Seelbach
Gary S. Leff, DDS, MPH Scholarship Fund for the DDS/MPH Program
Special Care Dentistry Association/Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities Student Award
Omicron-Kappa-Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Edward A. Senules
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Heidi A. Shay
Delta Dental Scholarship for Dental and Dental Hygiene Students
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Thea E. Shean
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Nirja Shrestha
Private Practice, Sugar Land, Texas

Jordan M. Smith
Lula B. and James R. Bolinger, DDS Scholarship
Southwest Academy of Restorative Dentistry Award
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Amber R. Stephens
Outstanding Color and Appearance in Dentistry Award
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Kristie M. Tran
Academy of Operative Dentistry Award
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Edward A. Senules
Private Practice, Houston, Texas

Rebecca Trevino
Women of Rotary Club UT Dental Branch Student
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- **Firefighters in the US**
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Title: Hospital Readmission Rates for Patients with Type 2 Diabetes

Dissertation: Suzanne Frances Monsour
Title: Distribution and Determinants of Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis in Missouri from 2009 to 2016

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Advisor: Goo Jun, PhD; Dissertation Supervisor: Christopher I. Amos, PhD
Title: Cirrhosis and Hepatocellular Carcinoma Development

Dissertation: Hyunseok Kim
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Title: Are Parents of Children Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder at a Higher Risk for Depression

Dissertation: Julie Nickell
Advisor: Bijal Balasubramanian, MBBS, PhD
Title: Painful Crisis in Pediatric Sickle Cell Patients

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Advisor: Christine Markham, PhD; Dissertation Supervisor: Cecilia Ganduglia Cazaban, DrPH, MD
Title: Perspectives and Lessons Learned from the Field

Dissertation: Trent Peng
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I will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping in the practice of my calling.

I will strive to do to the welfare of my patients, my family, and my community.

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Julie Streh  magna cum laude  Kappa Phi D.A.R. Award
Sherrill Elsa Sunny  magna cum laude
Ameena Syed  magna cum laude
Andy Phi Hung Ta
Josue Tabares Lopez  magna cum laude  Sigma Theta Tau
Harvin County Medical Society Alliance Clinical Excellence Award
Omar Bilal Tabbara  magna cum laude  School of Nursing Spirit Award
Annabelle Leigh Lenore Terzie  magna cum laude
Gemita Tessema  magna cum laude
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Mahalakshmi Thangathiruppathi
Morgan Theiler  magna cum laude
Shelley Leigh Thimons  magna cum laude  School of Nursing Faculty Award of Excellence
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Charles Oliver Toland
Christian Torres  magna cum laude
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Dao Tran
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Flora Kerakyanye Turkson  magna cum laude
Cassandra Sue Twining  magna cum laude  Community Health and Service Award
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Jennifer Ugwu-Dike
Susan Jones Underwood  magna cum laude
Camille Valdeavilla  magna cum laude
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