

OU College of Medicine School of Community Medicine

# 2020 Commencement

2 p.m., May 22, 2020

## The Regents of The University of Oklahoma

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# School of Community Medicine Leadership

James M. Herman, MD, MSPH	. Dean, School of Community Medicine
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# **2020 Commencement**

## The University of Oklahoma College of Medicine School of Community Medicine

Singing of National Anthem	Mitchell McCain
	Class of 2020
Welcome and Introductions	James M. Herman, MD, MSPH
	Dean, School of Community Medicine

#### **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

Elmus Beale, PhD

Professor of Community Medicine and Associate Dean for Medical Education in the College of Health Sciences at the University of Tulsa

# STUDENT ADDRESS Ekene Ezenwa Class of 2020

## **Authorization to Confer Degrees**

Conferring of Doctor of Medicine Degrees	James M. Herman, MD, MSPH
Closing Remarks	James M. Herman, MD, MSPH
Hooding Ceremony	James M. Herman, MD, MSPH
Oath for the Profession of Medicine	James M. Herman, MD, MSPH

# Academic Regalia

#### **BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF THE ACADEMIC COSTUME**

The design of academic gowns and hoods worn in this country is inherited from British universities. The cap, or mortarboard, is from Italy, but the hood as an academic vestment is distinctly British.

In the early years, teachers always wore academic gowns, complete with appropriate degree hoods, when teaching their classes – a practice still followed in England. In the United States, gowns and hoods are worn only on ceremonial occasions.

In 1894, a recent graduate of Williams College, Garner Cottrell Leonard, prepared a code of academic gowns and hoods that was adopted by representatives of leading U.S. universities. Leonard commented that the academic gown is really a uniform reminding one of the continuity and dignity of learning. That code is still observed today.

In 1895, President Seth Low of Columbia University said in his annual report, "The movement towards the adoption in this country of a distinctive academic costume for professors and graduates has received new impetus this year." The goal was a uniform practice among American colleges and universities, whereby the cap, gown and hood would indicate not only the degree of the wearer and the faculty under which it was obtained, but also the institution by which the degree was conferred.

The general wearing of gowns for commencement in the United States started in the 1800s. By 1897 nearly 50 American universities had registered their hoods with the correct shades of colors and the appropriate arrangement of colors in the lining of the hood.

#### **GOWNS AS CURRENTLY WORN**

Since the clergy were the teachers of the Middle Ages, it is only natural that their attire became symbolic of the teaching profession as it moved out of the cloister. Currently, there are three distinct types of gowns: the undergraduate gown with a long, pointed sleeve; the master's gown with a long, closed sleeve; and the doctor's gown with its round, full-balloon sleeve and chevrons.

At one time the colors of the gown denoted the area of educational specialty of the wearer, but in the United States the majority of gowns are black. Some universities have designated a particular color as appropriate for the gown, such as the Yale blue, the Cornell red, and the Northwestern purple. These are symbolic of the school's colors rather than the area of educational specialty.

#### **HOODS AS CURRENTLY DRAPED**

According to the Leonard code, all hoods are of black material. Bachelor's and master's hoods have a "simple" shape attached to a tippet or small cape. The bachelor's hood should be 3 feet long. The master's hood is 4 feet long, and the doctoral hood and panel are an additional 6 inches in length.

The trim around the edge of the hood, 2 to 5 inches in width, represents the department or faculty of learning. Forest green represents the discipline of medicine. The lining of the hood is the color of the college or university conferring the degree. In 1895, the University of Oklahoma colors were officially chosen as crimson and cream, but traditionally red and white have been used. It is appropriate for the individual to wear the lining colors of the institution granting the degree, or the colors of that institution to which the wearer is officially connected.

#### TASSEL COLORS

The colors of the tassels have a significance that also is rooted historically in the traditions of academic life. The color of the tassel worn by candidates for the baccalaureate degree represents the field of knowledge in which the degree is conferred. All master's candidates wear black tassels. Doctoral candidates wear a "gold bullion" tassel.

They also have the option to wear the color of their field of knowledge. The candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine wear forest green.

## The Class of 2020

#### Candidates For Doctor of Medicine

Listed beneath the names of the graduates are their hometowns and the residency appointment programs. "AOA" designation indicates membership in Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society. AOA election is limited to the top one-sixth of each graduating class. Members of the local chapter select candidates based upon service contributions, academic standing, and demonstrated professionalism. Students elected into AOA are distinguished by gold and green intertwined cords over their robes.

"GHHS" designation indicates membership in The Gold Humanism Honor Society, a national honor society that honors senior medical students, residents, role-model physician teachers and other exemplars recognized for excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service. Election is limited to 15% of the class.

## Oath for the Profession of Medicine

Led by James M. Herman, MD, MSPH

Upon being granted admission to the profession of Medicine, I solemnly swear by all that I hold most sacred that I will keep this enduring Oath:

I pledge to devote my life to the service of humanity.

To the best of my ability and judgment, the health and life of my patients will be my first consideration.

I will lead my life and practice Medicine conscientiously and with honor.

I will abstain in treatment from whatever is deleterious and mischievous.

I will hold in confidence all that my patients trust and share with me.

I will not permit consideration of race, religion, nationality, politics or social standing to intervene between my duty and my patient.

I will give respect and gratitude to those who taught me the Science and the Art and will share my knowledge with others.

I will maintain the integrity and noble traditions of the medical profession.

These promises I make freely and upon my honor in the presence of those here assembled.

May happiness and good repute be granted me while I keep this Oath inviolate.

Adapted by the OU College of Medicine Faculty Board from the original Oath of Hippocrates and the Declaration of Geneva.



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GHHS

# Special Awards & Honors

#### THE SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE DEAN'S AWARD

To the graduates who best exemplify those principles that characterize the qualities of an outstanding physician.

#### **Alizay Paracha**

#### THE MEREDITH A. DAVISON COMMUNITY HEALTH SCHOLAR AWARD

To a medical school graduate of the School of Community Medicine who has best exemplified the School's vision: To improve the health of individuals and their communities through outstanding caring, learning, research, collaboration and service.

#### **Ekene Ezenwa**

#### THE BEDLAM SPIRIT AWARD

For outstanding achievements in community services fulfilling the mission of Bedlam.

#### **Jonathan Nahmias**

# THE LEONARD TOW HUMANISM IN MEDICINE AWARD PRESENTED BY THE ARNOLD P. GOLD FOUNDATION

To the student showing the greatest promise through commitment to the scholarly acquisition and effective application of knowledge and who has gained the complete respect of peers with high standards of integrity, compassion, and dedication to the practice of medicine.

#### **Victoria Thomas**

# THE ROGER C. GOOD OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD IN FAMILY MEDICINE

To the student who best demonstrates the qualities of compassion, intellectual curiosity and clinical competence that are at the heart of Family Medicine.

### Helga Skaftason

#### THE F. DANIEL DUFFY INTERNAL MEDICINE AWARD

To the student who most exemplifies the attitudes and abilities characteristic of Internal Medicine.

#### John Carradini

# THE JOHN BARNWELL NETTLES AWARD IN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

For outstanding performance in Obstetrics and Gynecology during third year.

#### Saba Bingabr

#### THE DANIEL C. PLUNKET AWARD IN PEDIATRICS

Recognizing dedication to Pediatrics and compassionate care of children as exemplified by Dr. Plunket during his tenure as Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics.

#### **Alizay Paracha**

#### THE BENJAMIN RUSH AWARD IN PSYCHIATRY

To the outstanding student in Psychiatry from the Oklahoma District Branch of the American Psychiatry Association.

#### **Jonathan Nahmias**

#### THE WILLIAM R. YATES PSYCHIATRY AWARD

For dedication to psychiatry and compassionate care of patients exemplified by Dr. Yates during his tenure as Chair of Psychiatry.

#### **Stuart Jack**

#### THE FRANK A. CLINGAN SURGERY AWARD

For outstanding knowledge and abilities exhibited during Surgery.

Mitchell McCain

