

MD CLASS OF 2023

Graduation

Banquet and Awards Ceremony

Thursday, June 8, 2023

Prairieland Park, Saskatoon



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Program

Elder/Indigenous Greeting

Mr. Harvey Thunderchild

Master of Ceremonies

Drs. Caitlyn Kitts and Shaylin Pillay

Greetings from the Chairs

Drs. Shayan Shirazi and Eman Abdulhadi

Dean's Address to Graduates

Dr. Preston Smith

Presentation of Teaching Awards

Drs. Rishi Thakkar and Emily Harwood-Johnson

Presentation of Academic Awards

Dr. Meredith McKague, associate dean, Undergraduate Medical Education

Alumni Association Speech

Dr. Terry Zlipko, president, College of Medicine Alumni Association

Presentation of Spirit of the Class Award

Dr. Terry Zlipko, president, College of Medicine Alumni Association

Staff Keynote

Dr. Ginger Ruddy, assistant dean, Student Services

Toast to the Families

Dr. Kayode Adesina

Toast to the Faculty

Dr. Lucas King

Student Keynote Address

Dr. Kellie MacDonald

Class of 2023

Spring 2023 Convocation

Eman Abdulhadi	Rosario Hernandez Barba	Tyrus New
Sara Abolhassani	Michayla Hicks	Dmitry Neymark
Oluwakayode Adesina	Avery Ironside	Richard Ngo
Craig Albert	Lindsay Ironside	Chiamaka Okonkwo
Afsoun Amiraslany	Kyle Ivany	Adesewa Oloko
Michael Anderson	Saria Jabbar	Tatiana Orlowski
Samitha Andrahennadi	Mackenzie Jardine	Rahul Parekh
Kwame Asiamah	Amani Khan	Sehar Parvez
Ibrahim Banun	Lucas King	Amelia Perrotta
Taylor Beechy	Caitlyn Kitts	Shaylin Pillay
Shady Bishay	Lauren Klammer	Talha Salman
Corey Blushke	Kate Kopeck	Warda Shamim
Olivia Boden	Kylee Kosokowsky	Shayan Shirazi
Benson Buettner	Ryan LaBossiere	Jaskaran Singh
Mitchell Canaday	Olivia Lafrance	Mckinley Smith
Muskan Chhina	Adam Lanigan	Damien Spilchen
Youngwon Choi	Katherine Latoski	Brandon Spink
Jonathan Chow	Elektra Laxdal	Fady Sulaiman
Tien Dinh	Sebastian Leakos	Margaret Sutherland
Michael-Roy Durr	Xiao Ping Liu	Nimra Tahir
Devin Edwards	Chad Lorenz	Rishi Thakkar
Meghan Edwards	Kellie MacDonald	Michael Thatcher
Nathan Fortin	Justina Machnee	Mitchell Thatcher
Kiyana Ghavami	Abdullah Masood	Jamie Vander Ende
Talha Gondal	Nolan Mastel	Marley Wacker
Eric Gyug	Alexa McEwen	Murphy Walker
Kirsten Hall	Carissa McGuin	Mohammad Wasim
Kelsey Hammond	Devynn McKenzie	Kaitlin Wasnik
Elizabeth Hansen	Rachel Miller	Sarah White
Muzzafar Haque	Kienna Mills	Laura Wu
Emily Harwood-Johnson	Colten Molnar	Gloria Yu
Shannon Haughian	Sarah Moroziuk	Yixing Mars Zhao
Chelsea Healey	Amira Muftah	HuangRui Zhu
Jace Hendry	Nishara Muthu Arachchige	

MD Program Graduate Awards

Dr. Robert G. Murray Undergraduate Award in Medicine

This award established in memory of Dr. Robert G. Murray, former Dean of the College of Medicine, is to provide financial support to an undergraduate student who has completed their Grade 12 education in the province of Saskatchewan and who intends to establish a family practice in the province.

The James Walker Wood Award in Medicine

This award recognizes an MD student who is entering the first year of a residency program in family medicine, with a preference for students who demonstrate an interest in practicing rural family medicine.

Dr. G. Ernest McBrien Award

In memory of her brother, Mrs. Madelene Smith has donated the Ernest McBrien Award in Family Medicine to the medical student(s) with the highest standing in family medicine and who plans to pursue a career in family medicine.

Dr. Vern Rogstad Memorial Prize

This award, honoring the late Dr. Vern Rogstad is to be awarded to the graduating medical student with the highest overall academic average in the Family Medicine rotation.

Lawrence and Penny Clein Scholarship in Palliative Care

In recognition of a fourth year undergraduate medical student who has demonstrated the potential and the interest to pursue a career in or related to palliative care.

Hilliard Silver Medal and Department of Medicine Prize

In honour of the first professor of medicine at the University of Saskatchewan, the Hilliard Medal is awarded to a graduating student on the basis of excellent performance in clinical medicine and systems.

Dr. Eric Lepp Memorial Award in Medicine

Dr. Eric Lepp was a nuclear medicine specialist, practicing in Regina who was tragically killed in a traffic accident in 1990. In his honour, this award is presented annually to the student receiving the highest mark on the internal medicine rotation during the clinical clerkship year.

Dr. Vernon and Mrs. Christine Hoepfner Award for Excellence in Internal Medicine

This award established by Dr. Rob Basi recognizes one student with the best combined grades in Internal Medicine II, III, IV and the Foundations I, II, III modules who matched to a USask internal medicine residency.

MD Program Graduate Awards

Dr. J. W. Gerrard Prize in Clinical Pediatrics

In honour of Dr. J. W. Gerrard's lifelong commitment to the care of children and to excellence in clinical pediatrics, the Department of Pediatrics awards a prize to the most distinguished graduating student in clinical pediatrics.

Dr. Hugh MacLean Prize and Silver Medal in Surgery

Dr. J.B. Ritchie, associated for many years with the late Dr. MacLean in the practice of surgery in Regina, has donated this award to the student who shows the highest proficiency in surgery.

Professor Popkin Prize in Obstetrics and Gynecology

This prize is awarded to the final year medical student who, during the clinical clerkship, demonstrated superiority in the acquisition of knowledge, skills, values and attitudes that physicians require to provide reproductive health care.

Obstetrics and Gynecology Silver Medal

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology annually awards a medal to the final-year student with the best performance in the obstetrics and gynecology rotation.

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

This prize is sponsored by the Royal University Hospital Foundation and is presented to the final year student who has shown outstanding academic achievement and clinical performance in physical and rehabilitative medicine.

Dr. Walter J. Hader Scholarship in Medicine

Through the generous donation of Dr. Walter J. Hader, this award is granted to a student in the graduating class, who has matched in physical medicine and rehabilitation.

The Dr. Karl E. Oberdieck Prize

The prize is given to the student who attains the second-highest mark in the clinical component of the psychiatry rotation during the clerkship year.

Henry and Cheryl Kloppenburg Prize in Psychiatry

The Henry and Cheryl Kloppenburg Prize is awarded to the student ranking highest in the psychiatry rotation in the clerkship year. It recognizes the Kloppenburgs' long-standing interest in supporting the pursuit of excellence in psychiatric care.

Saskatchewan Psychiatric Association Award

Awarded to the student with the top academic achievement in the psychiatry rotation.

MD Program Graduate Awards

Dr. Beattie Award in Psychiatry

An award has been established in memory of Dr. Beattie, a prominent psychiatrist in Regina for many years. This award will be presented annually to a medical student who has completed the psychiatry portion of their clinical clerkship in Regina.

Drs. Shashi and Pravesh Suri Award

Drs. Shashi and Pravesh Suri established this award to show their appreciation of the University of Saskatchewan medical school, promote academic excellence, and provide opportunities to those medical students in financial need. This is awarded to the top graduating student who will be pursuing residency training in anesthesia or family medicine.

Professors' Prize in Surgery

This prize is given by the professors in the Department of Surgery to the graduating student who has shown the greatest promise as a future clinical surgeon. The prize is awarded on the basis of excellence in clinical performance and the oral examination.

Emergency Medicine Book Prize

Two annual prizes, one to a student at the Regina site and one to a student in Saskatoon, with the top clinical performance on their emergency medicine rotation.

Senior Stick

The Senior Stick shall be awarded to a graduating student that has made a significant contribution to the social dynamic of their class and supported the development of a strong class bond.

Drs. Epstein and Schnurr Award in Integrative Medicine

This award, in honour of Dr. Michael Epstein and Dr. Joe Schnurr, is provided to a graduating student in recognition of demonstrated motivation, initiative and achievement in the area of integrative medicine.

The Reuben Brant Scholarship in Medicine – Academic Achievement in Year 4

A bequest from the estate of Reuben Brant, this award is given to the student in the graduating class with the highest average in Year 4.

Mark Cohen Ophthalmology Undergraduate Prize in Medicine

Dr. Mark Cohen is a practicing ophthalmologist and President of Lasik MD Montreal. He donated this award to the student who, in the opinion of the Department of Ophthalmology, will make an outstanding clinician and who will secure and accept a residency training position in Ophthalmology at a Canadian university.

MD Program Graduate Awards

Isabelle and Emmett Hall Scholarship

This award is considered for the five students with the highest marks on the musculoskeletal section of the final systems examination and producing the best essay related to a problem related to Orthopedic surgery.

MacLeod Silver Medal

Dr. Wendell MacLeod was the second Dean of Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan from 1952 to 1961. In his honour, a silver medal is awarded to a student whose scholastic work and extracurricular activities are outstanding.

Dr. Vernon and Mrs. Christine Hoepfner Award for Excellence in Internal Medicine

This award was established by Dr. Rob Basi to recognize a student with the best overall combined grades in Clinical Skills II, II, IV and Foundations I, II, III, regardless of residency type or placement.

Dr. Vince Matthews Prize in Community Health and Epidemiology

This prize is in honour of Dr. Matthews, Professor and Department Head of Social and Preventive Medicine (now Community Health and Epidemiology). His distinguished career in public service included being Acting Deputy Minister of Health in 1962 when Medicare was introduced in Saskatchewan. Dr. Matthews retired in 1987 and passed away in 1988.

The Department of Pediatrics Prize

This award is presented to the student with the best overall performance in the pediatric rotation.

The Reuben Brant Scholarship in Medicine – Overall Academic Achievement

A bequest from the estate of Reuben Brant, this award is given to the student in the graduating class with the most outstanding overall academic achievement in the four years of undergraduate medical education.

Drs. Ivan Jen and Suzanne Yip Award

This award, donated by Drs. Yip and Jen, is presented annually to the graduating student with the highest average in all the courses relating to student/patient interaction and the refinement of basic clinical skills.

Lindsay Gold Medal

This award, in honour of Dr. W. Stewart Lindsay, first professor of pathology and first Dean of the School of Medical Sciences, goes to the graduating student with the most outstanding academic achievement in each year of training in the College of Medicine.

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