

MD Class of 2026

**Graduation
Banquet and
Awards
Ceremony**

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Prairieland Park, Saskatoon



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As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respects to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

Program

Elder Greeting

Elder Robert Merasty

Masters of Ceremonies

Drs. Zoey Bourgeois and Josh Anderson

Dean's Address to Graduates

Dr. Sarah Forgie, Dean, College of Medicine

Presentation of Teaching Awards as selected by the MD Class of 2026

Drs. Zoey Bourgeois and Josh Anderson

Presentation of Academic Awards

Dr. Meredith McKague, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education

Presentation of the Alumni and Community Program's Spirit of the Class Award & Degree Frame

Dr. Meredith McKague, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education

Presentation of the Senior Stick

Drs. Zoey Bourgeois and Josh Anderson

Toast to the Faculty

Dr. Kacie Kushniruk

Toast to the Families

Dr. Brooke Baxter

Student Keynote Address

Dr. Mimi Moustapha

Closing Remarks

Drs. Zoey Bourgeois and Josh Anderson

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Program

Obiora Aghamelu	Maya Gabruch	Samantha Morandin
Kirrat Ahmad	Kris Goodfellow	Mimi Moustapha
Yara Al Horoub	Omar Hafez	Alexander Moyer
Haider Ali	Nima Hamidi Toussi	Sanka Ngeruka
Sibtain Ali	Mackenzie Heidel	Tyler Ochitwa
Joshua Anderson	Ashton Heidt	Maddy Owens
Anthony Antaya	Vivian Heinrichs	Lyubov Pastushenko
Ananna Arna	Jake Hesselink	Anand Patel
Mauz Asghar	Romaisa Ismaeel	Devin Proulx
Muaaz Asghar	Hasan Jamil	Robin Qian
Fatima Awan	Abby Jia	Jay Rabari
Iqbal Azhar	Kayla Joyce	Jesse Ralph
Osman Badawi	Anish Kandel	Sameer Rathnayaka Koralage
Sarah-Harsimmeronjeet Bains	Muheeb Khan	Jacob Reaser
Brooke Baxter	Balihar Khuber	Noor Rehman
Mason Beaulieu	Valiyah Khurshid	Joshua Roberts
Bobbi Bedard	Kacie Kushniruk	Mikayla Rudniski
Alexandre Belisle	Kevin Lee	Mark Sabau
Maya Berscheid	Maksym Lepka	Sabahat Saeed
Indiana Best	Kennedy Lewis	Barsa Saha
Julia Billingsley	Amy Li	Payton Sayers
Travis Black	Cindy Li	Samuel Seshadri
Zoey Bourgeois	Cole Libner	Brynne Stebbings
Clayton Brazier	Kyle Macabudbud	Hannah Strinholm
Annaka Chorneyko	Edan MacDonald	Ala'a-eddeen Swidan
Whitney Curtis	Madison Macnab	Natisha Thakkar
Katherine DeVito-Porter	Adam Magnus	Jensen Tralnberg
Genevieve Dietrich	Maaraj Mahmood	Richard Wang
Sarah-Marie Durr	Wardah Mahmood	Ze Chen Wang
Chase Ellingson	Samantha Mannala	Everett Wells
Kevin Entwistle	Sonya Mannala	Grant Yao
Laraib Fatima	Zoha Mansoor	Syeda Zia
Saidee Fooks	Eriq Marleau	Liam Zimmermann
	Mahrukh Masood	Lindsey Zimmermann

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Teaching Awards

The awards below are granted based on nominations from the MD Class of 2026. They signify continual excellence in teaching and mentorship.

Regina Resident Teaching Award

Regina Faculty Teaching Award

Prince Albert Resident Teaching Award

Prince Albert Faculty Teaching Award

SLIC Faculty Teaching Award

Saskatoon Resident Teaching Award

Saskatoon Faculty Teaching Award

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MD Graduate Awards

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, and promote academic excellence. This is awarded to the top graduating student who will be pursuing residency training in anesthesia or family medicine.

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.

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.

The Artemis Award

Awarded to the student who has shown the greatest interest in pursuing a career in Obstetrics and Gynecology. It recognizes passion, and dedication to advancing women's health.

The Department of Pediatrics Prize

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

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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. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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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. 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.

Saskatchewan Psychiatric Association Award

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

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Prize

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.

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.

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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.

Saskatoon Plainsmen Club Award in Family Medicine

The Plainsmen Club is a non-profit group made up of local representatives from many innovative pharmaceutical companies currently operating in the northern Saskatchewan territory. This award is granted to a fourth-year student who is from, as well as intends to establish a family medicine practice in the province of Saskatchewan.

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.

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.

Trevor Ives Memorial Award in Medicine

This award recognizes a graduating medical student who demonstrates a strong academic standing, community involvement, and who has declared an interest in pursuing a career in oncology.

College of Medicine Class of 1974 Award

This award recognizes a graduating medical student who is academically outstanding and who has the ambition and drive to pursue clinical research as part of their career trajectory.

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SLIC Student of the Year

This award is presented to a student who exemplifies Rural Generalist and performed at the highest level in clinical duties and academics in all disciplines over the course of the year. Their work ethic and discipline showed the dedication needed to perform at a high level in rural and remote centers.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

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

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.

Spirit of the Class

The first College of Medicine Alumni Association “Spirit of the Class” award was presented in 1985. The award fulfills the Alumni Association’s wish to honour the graduating class and particularly the member of the class who epitomized the “Spirit of the Class” during the four years of medicine.

Alumni and Community Program Degree Frame Draw

Each year, the Alumni and Community Program sponsors a draw for a degree frame to be gifted to a student at random.

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.

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