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Eastern Virginia Medical School

Roughly five decades ago, a group of dedicated physicians and community leaders decided to improve the quality of health care in southeast Virginia. The idea of a medical school in Hampton Roads gained momentum in 1964 when local citizens — concerned about the shortage of physicians and scarcity of specialized care in the region — persuaded the Virginia General Assembly to create a medical authority charged with starting a school. EVMS was founded by the community in 1973 to improve health through teaching, discovering and caring.

Today, EVMS holds an honored position in American history as one of the only medical schools founded and funded by a grassroots effort. Over the years, EVMS has more than satisfied its original purpose, both educating health-care providers and serving as a magnet to attract much-needed medical specialists to a region where many basic services were lacking. Many who are educated at EVMS choose to stay and practice in the region, and the school’s impressive portfolio of teaching affiliates include 16 of the region’s foremost medical centers and approximately 150 private practices around Hampton Roads.

The collaborative culture at EVMS draws like-minded students and faculty from all over the country. The school attracts highly qualified medical personnel whose wide range of medical care might otherwise be beyond reach. And the medical research conducted by EVMS faculty is quickly reflected in improved patient care.

EVMS offers a variety of graduate and doctoral degrees and certificates in the medical and health professions. In 48 years, EVMS has grown from a class of 27 students to nearly 600 medical and 800 health professions students in the 2020-2021 academic year. Today, EVMS ranks among the top 20 non-federal employers in the region and has an annual economic imprint of more than $1.2 billion in Hampton Roads.
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations! You are being recognized today for your extraordinary academic accomplishments, which will prepare you for a professional future in medicine, the health professions or biomedical sciences. Graduating from EVMS will be a source of pride throughout your lives. Our faculty and staff also take special pride in your success as you embark on your career paths.

We recognize the importance of commencement to you and your family. It is a joyous and proper celebration of your remarkable achievements. We also understand the disappointment of not celebrating collectively as an EVMS community with your family and friends. As you know, we are living in an historic and challenging era with the COVID-19 pandemic that will shape and define your future professional lives.

While we cannot be together in person on this momentous occasion, we are no less proud of what you have accomplished. In fact, that you have risen to meet the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 crisis with grace, courage and resilience makes us even prouder of you. We are confident that you will continue to make positive contributions to the health and wellbeing of the communities you serve.

Your diligence, commitment and enthusiasm for learning have brought you to this point. These qualities, combined with the knowledge gained at EVMS, will serve as a steadfast foundation for your rewarding and successful career.

As an EVMS graduate, you are more than an alumnus. You are part of a worldwide community of colleagues. You will always be a part of EVMS, and we hope you will come back to visit often.

On behalf of the EVMS Board of Visitors, the EVMS Foundation Board of Trustees, faculty and staff, I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

Richard V. Homan, MD
President and Provost
Dean, School of Medicine
LETTER FROM ALUMNI RELATIONS

Dear Graduates,

Upon your graduation today, you join more than 11,000 EVMS alumni worldwide. You have worked hard and sacrificed much to get here, and we’re immensely proud of what you’ve accomplished. On behalf of everyone at EVMS, please accept my heartfelt congratulations.

While we had hoped to share this time with you in person, please know we are celebrating you with virtual cheers! We might not be together physically, but we are indeed with you in spirit, sharing in your joy and happiness on this memorable occasion.

This special moment marks the next phase in your journey. Wherever your training or career may take you now, Alumni Relations will help you have a lifelong connection to your alma mater and our ever-growing network of graduates. We encourage you to please keep in touch and let us know about your continued success and achievements.

We hope you wear your new alumni pin with pride. It represents your “official membership” in a global community of professionals who are accomplishing great things. We want you to know that you will always be a part of the EVMS legacy, and we invite you to return for alumni events — or just for an informal visit.

Please stay connected with us. Please continue to do good. And again, congratulations on becoming an EVMS alumnus! You did it!

All the best,

Tamara N. Poulson
Director, Alumni Relations
EVMS OFFICIALS

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The Board of Visitors is the governing body of EVMS. Members are appointed by the Governor, both houses of the state legislature, the cities that support the school and the EVMS Foundation.

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CORE BELIEFS

Our Mission
Eastern Virginia Medical School is an academic health center dedicated to achieving excellence in medical and health professions education, research and patient care. We value creating and fostering a diverse and cohesive faculty, professional staff and student body as the surest way to achieve our mission. Adhering to the highest ethical standards, we will strive to improve the health of our community and to be recognized as a national center of intellectual and clinical strength in medicine and health professions. Our commitment to ensuring institutional effectiveness is demonstrated by the continuous assessment processes we use to improve program performance and student learning outcomes.

Our Vision
Eastern Virginia Medical School will be recognized as the most community-oriented school of medicine and health professions in the nation.

Our Values
Three core values drive our daily efforts:

EXCELLENCE: We determine with our stakeholders what is valuable and hold ourselves to high performance standards that fulfill our promises.

COLLEGIALITY: We serve our community and one another, building strong and mutually supportive relationships. We work as a cooperative, united team to further our purposes of education, research and patient care.

INTEGRITY: We strive to maintain the highest ethical standards and accept accountability for all we do and say.

Our Diversity Statement
The education, research and patient care mission of Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS) is shaped by many considerations: the demographics of the surrounding communities, the significant presence of military personnel, retirees and their families, the rural and underserved communities of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the broader national and global need to address gaps in the health workforce and the accessibility of health care.

Eastern Virginia Medical School has a unique history as one of the few institutions in the United States established by the local community to serve the local community. Indeed, its vision is to be the most community-oriented school of medicine and health professions in the nation. In fulfilling that vision, EVMS strives to attract talented students, trainees, faculty, staff and leaders who bring diverse attributes and experience to drive our collective commitment to excellence.

Eastern Virginia Medical School embraces diversity broadly defined, but places a special emphasis on recruitment of women, traditionally underrepresented minorities in medicine and the health professions (African Americans, Latinos, American Indians and Native Alaskans, and Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders), veterans and individuals who come from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds. Acknowledging that diversity is a fluid and evolving concept, we will continually strive to be inclusive of individuals and groups in the broadest possible manner.
ORDER OF EXERCISES

Opening  
Vincent A. Rhodes, PhD, Assistant Vice President, Marketing and Communications

The National Anthem  
Vincent A. Rhodes, PhD, Assistant Vice President, Marketing and Communications

Welcome  
Theresa S. Emory, MD (MD ’89), Rector, EVMS Board of Visitors

Remarks  
Richard V. Homan, MD, President and Provost, and Dean, School of Medicine

Student Remarks  
Tavanda L. Lawrence, School of Health Professions Student Representative, Master of Public Health Class of 2021

Student Remarks  
Suhas R. Bharadwaj, School of Medicine Student Representative, MD Class of 2021

Alumni Remarks  
Paul E. Bibbins Jr., PhD (PhD ’86)

Presentation of Honorary Degree Candidate  
Richard V. Homan, MD, President and Provost, and Dean, School of Medicine

Keynote Address  
Leon McDougle, MD, MPH, President of the National Medical Association (NMA)

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Richard V. Homan, MD, President and Provost, and Dean of the School of Medicine

Remarks  
C. Donald Combs, PhD, Vice President and Dean, School of Health Professions

Presentation of Degree Candidates  
Ronald W. Flenner, MD (MD ’89), Vice Dean, Academic Affairs

Remarks  
Ronald W. Flenner, MD (MD ’89), Vice Dean, Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees  
Richard V. Homan, MD, President and Provost, and Dean of the School of Medicine

The Physician Assistant Professional Oath  
Kimberly K. Dempsey, EdD, MPA, PA-C (MPA ’03), Director, Physician Assistant Program

The Oath of Hippocrates  
Ronald W. Flenner, MD (MD ’89), Vice Dean, Academic Affairs

Presentation of Graduates  
Class of 2021 Graduates

Closing Remarks  
Vincent A. Rhodes, PhD, Assistant Vice President, Marketing and Communications
COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

Academic Regalia

Today's academic regalia — the robes and the distinctive “hoods” presented to graduates — originated in medieval Europe where clothing color and material signified an individual’s wealth and stature.

The hood was the normal medieval headwear, but gradually there developed distinctive gowns and a colored lining to signify various professions, trades and religious orders. In 14th-century England, the statutes of certain colleges forbade “excess in apparel” and dictated the wearing of a long gown. In the days of Henry VIII of England, Oxford and Cambridge universities first began prescribing a definite academic dress and controlled even minor details. By the 17th century, if not earlier, these colors were strictly controlled, so that anyone could identify, from the color of a graduate’s hood, the university and the degree. In 1895, representatives of America’s leading academic institutions met to adopt a code of academic dress. Besides regulating the cut, style and materials of the gowns, the code prescribed the colors that were to represent the different fields of learning.

Today, with few exceptions, the academic robes are black and the colors of the hood reflect the field of learning and academic institution. Gowns for the bachelor’s and master’s degrees are untrimmed. For the doctoral-level degree, the gown is faced with black velvet; three bars of velvet are used across the sleeves. The velvet is usually black; however, these facings and crossbars may be of the color appropriate to the degree.

Mortarboards and tams are also part of the academic regalia. Doctoral level candidates, faculty and administration wear six-sided velvet tams. Master-level candidates, faculty and other participants wear mortarboards.

EVMS’ colors by academic program are as follows:

School of Health Professions

Multi-colored – Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology (black gown with dark blue velvet front panels and side bars, hood with brilliant blue and royal blue lining with burnt orange, navy and spruce green – representing the Virginia Consortium Program between EVMS, Norfolk State University and Old Dominion University – and gold tassel)

Dark Blue – Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences and Doctor of Philosophy in Reproductive Clinical Science – Embryology and Andrology (black gown with dark blue velvet front panels and side bars, dark blue hood and gold tassel)

Peacock – Master of Science in Art Therapy and Counseling (black gown with peacock hood and black tassel)

Light Blue – Master of Medical and Health Professions Education (black gown with light blue hood and black tassel)

Gold – Doctor of Health Sciences (black gown with black velvet front panels and side bars, gold hood and gold tassel); Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences (Medical, Research), Master of Science in Laboratory Animal Science, Master of Science in Contemporary Human Anatomy, Master of Health Sciences - Pathologists' Assistant, Master of Science in Reproductive Clinical Science - Embryology and Andrology, Master of Healthcare Delivery Science, and Master of Healthcare Analytics (black gown with gold hood and black tassel)

Salmon – Master of Public Health (black gown with salmon hood and black tassel)

Hunter Green – Master of Physician Assistant and Master of Surgical Assisting (black gown with hunter green hood and black tassel)

School of Medicine

Hunter Green – Doctor of Medicine (black gown with hunter green panels and side bars, hunter green hood and gold tassel)
COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

The Presidential Seal, Medallion And Chain Of Office

The presidential medallion is three inches in diameter, crafted with antique silver and blue enamel, and reveals the presidential seal. The presidential medallion anchors the chain of office. Chains of office, also known as collars, were badges of office in the Middle Ages. Today, they are metal necklaces, permanent parts of an institution’s president’s academic regalia, and are worn at formal ceremonial events. The EVMS chain of office, commissioned in 2013, depicts the former Presidents and their terms of office at EVMS.

The presidential seal is one of an academic institution’s most important symbols of office, the legal mark of the school’s governing body. The seal is used to authenticate official documents such as diplomas and other legal records.

The EVMS presidential seal, a symbol of Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS) and the Eastern Virginia Medical Authority (EVMA), depicts triple interlocking strands representing the essential relationships needed for an excellent regional academic health network. Patient care, learning, and scholarly endeavor, organized in a coherent regional health-care and educational system, reflect the talents and resources needed to provide quality services.

The intertwined loops also represent the several communities of Eastern Virginia which, working together, can achieve a degree of health care that none of them alone can attain. Finally, the symbol emphasizes the essential need for collaborative efforts among health-care professionals and institutions – hospitals, colleges, universities, the medical school and the medical authority – if quality health care is to be fully achieved in Eastern Virginia. It is to this end, then, that the EVMS and the EVMA are dedicated.

The EVMS presidential seal is also depicted on the mace, the baton and the diplomas.

The Mace

Academic maces, ornamental staffs, are descended from war clubs carried in medieval times by the body guards of civil officers. The mace is one of the oldest traditions in academia dating back to the early 1400s when it transitioned from warfare to ceremonial use. An academic mace symbolizes the authority invested in the President by the school’s governing body. Because the mace is a symbol of the presidential authority as a school’s legal representative with the right to govern, it is carried in procession immediately before the President. When the mace is present, the authority of the institution is present.

At EVMS, the mace was commissioned in 2013 and is carried by the Rector of the Board of Visitors. It is 54 inches tall, lathed from cherry and depicts an antique silver presidential seal and the EVMS logo. The head is topped with an antique silver flame.

The Baton

Small wooden staffs are carried in academic processions by marshals, the academic term for ushers. Also known by the old English term “beadles,” marshals march with their batons at the head of the degree candidates or faculty from each school, leading the way in the academic procession. Historically, beadles were minor church officials who served as ushers and kept order during services. Their batons were actually miniature war clubs.

The EVMS baton, commissioned in 2013, is carried by the Chief Marshal. It is 20 inches tall, lathed from cherry, depicts the presidential seal and is a replica of the mace.
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

LEON MCDOUGLE, MD, MPH
President of the National Medical Association (NMA)

Leon McDougle, MD, MPH, is the first African-American professor with tenure in The Ohio State University’s Department of Family Medicine, and is the first chief diversity officer for the OSU Wexner Medical Center. A graduate of the University of Toledo and OSU College of Medicine, he completed a family medicine residency at the Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, California, and earned a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Michigan School of Public Health, Department of Health Management and Policy.

Dr. McDougle was recognized among the top 10% of physicians nationally for patient satisfaction. He currently is serving as president of the National Medical Association (NMA) for a one-year term (2020–2021), and in that role also is an ex officio member of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee.

Dr. McDougle is a past chair for the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Group on Diversity and Inclusion, and provides service for the AAMC as faculty for the Healthcare Executive Diversity and Inclusion Certificate Program and Minority Faculty Leadership Seminar. The NMA appointed him to serve on the National Collegiate Athletic Association Coronavirus Advisory Panel in July 2020. In addition, he directs several workforce diversity programs, including the MEDPATH Postbaccalaureate Program.

Dr. McDougle is a Diplomate of the American Board of Family Medicine and Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. He is a member of the Rhema Christian Center, the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States and the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. A native of Sandusky, Ohio, Dr. McDougle and his wife, Natasha Jones-McDougle, MEd, are the proud parents of Peri and Autumn.
THE HONORARY DEGREE

EVMS grants honorary degrees to those who have made significant, far-reaching contributions to society. Recipients must have qualities and records of achievement that warrant recognition by an educational institution, particularly from EVMS, as recipients are forever associated with the school.

Recipients of Honorary Degree

Paul E. Bibbins Jr., PhD (PhD ’86)

Over the course of a highly distinguished academic career, Dr. Paul Bibbins successfully blended his academic management and administrative skills with his love of science and his passion for education.

His career began at EVMS where he received his PhD in Biomedical Sciences in 1986. He is one of EVMS’ most accomplished and distinguished graduates.

He has demonstrated innovative and dynamic leadership as a university president, executive, dean, senior manager, professor, scientist and scholar.

Early in his career, Dr. Bibbins contributed to the scientific literature in reproductive endocrinology.

Later, he led by example using his expertise, personal integrity and wisdom in the restructuring and realignment of educational efforts to benefit two distinguished universities — Ohio University and Kentucky State University.

He demonstrated exceptional skills in analyzing management and operational deficiencies, determining causative factors and implementing aggressive plans to improve efficiency, quality and profitability. Nonetheless, he always remained student-centric in his work – displaying a resolute commitment to holistic student development and learning while simultaneously advancing the academic reputation of the universities he led.

For his exemplary 40-year career and the indelible mark he has left on higher education nationally, the EVMS Board of Visitors has conferred upon Dr. Bibbins the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa.

Leon McDougle, MD, MPH

Dr. Leon McDougle is a superb physician, educator and medical executive who has changed the face of academic medicine. Through his work with both the National Medical Association and the Association of American Medical Colleges, Dr. McDougle strives to eliminate health disparities, improve access to care and increase diversity in medicine.

He serves as a highly regarded thought-leader in academic medicine. His visionary leadership is helping shape the academic health model of the future and is opening pathways for people of diverse backgrounds to work and serve in the healthcare community.

He has demonstrated a resolute commitment to building trust within underserved communities, closing the gaps in healthcare...
delivery and inspiring the next generation of healthcare professionals.

His work to address vaccine hesitation and to educate the global community during the COVID-19 pandemic has helped to break down barriers.

Government leaders, physicians, hospital systems, academic health centers, and national health-care organizations have come to depend on his wise counsel.

Throughout his career, he has demonstrated the best qualities of a healthcare professional: compassion, intellect, expertise, common sense and humility.

He is a true role model for all who practice in this profession.

For his dedication to the field of academic medicine and healthcare, his leadership and service, the EVMS Board of Visitors has conferred upon Dr. McDougle the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa.
AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

School of Health Professions Awards

The David E. Scott, PhD, Award honors Dr. David E. Scott, from EVMS Pathology, who as a non-Physician Assistant provided instruction and support to the program since its inception in 1999. It is awarded annually by the Master of Physician Assistant program in Dr. Scott’s memory to a non-Physician Assistant who has had an enduring impact on the growth, maturation and ongoing excellence of the PA program.

Kyle Zeltmann, MEd

The Eugene Stead Jr., MD, Award honors the founder of the Physician Assistant profession, who started the first Physician Assistant program at Duke University in 1965. It is awarded to the graduating Physician Assistant student who best exemplifies the profession’s ideals of courage, humility and wisdom when applying technical skills, scientific knowledge and human understanding to the care of the suffering.

Meghan Stufflebeem

The EVMS Alumni Association HP Student Service Award is awarded annually to the graduating health professions student who demonstrates academic achievement as well as outstanding service to the class and Eastern Virginia Medical School.

Alicia A. Hines

The EVMS School of Health Professions Award for Community Service is presented annually by the Student Government Association and recognizes a graduating health professions student who demonstrates personal commitment to community service through his or her volunteer participation in EVMS outreach or other initiatives in Hampton Roads and beyond. The recipient of this award will have made a significant contribution to benefit the community, organization or peoples which they served.

Mackenzie Hunt
Aaliyah Bryonne Joseph
Brianna Nickole Baldwin

The EVMS Student Government Association HP Leadership Award is awarded annually to a health professions student who has demonstrated significant achievement in leadership.

Tavanda Lynise Lawrence

The Award for Excellence in the Pathologists’ Assistant Program is presented annually to the student who has distinguished themselves with the highest performance in the Pathologists’ Assistant Program.

Derek L. Irons

The Gary Dean Hodgen, PhD, Award for Excellence in Reproductive Clinical Science is given to a graduating student who has demonstrated excellence in research techniques and discovery.

Jennifer Matucha

The Georgeanna Seegar Jones, MD, Award for Academic Achievement in the Reproductive Clinical Sciences is given annually to an outstanding graduating student from the Master of Reproductive Clinical Sciences program in recognition of academic excellence. This award was created in memory of Dr. Jones and her innumerable contributions to the diagnosis and treatment of infertility.

Sebo Ling Wang

The PAragon Award is presented annually to a graduating Physician Assistant student who best excels in supervised clinical practice by increasing his or her knowledge base, clinical skills, competency and medical artistry.

Lauren Lenertz

The Paul J. Fink, MD, Outstanding Art Therapist Award is awarded annually to a member of the graduating Art Therapy and Counseling class for academic, clinical and research excellence.

Ann Jane Varatharaj

The Physician Assistant Preceptor of the Year Award is awarded by the graduating Physician Assistant class. This individual is selected for excellence in clinical teaching and mentoring.

Scott Reed, MD
AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

School of Medicine Awards

The Abraham Jacobi Award is presented annually by EVMS Pediatrics to a graduating medical student who demonstrates a genuine commitment to pediatrics and academic excellence, and who exhibits compassion, honesty and a sincere dedication to the care of children.
Emily Rose Egress

The Award for Excellence in Addiction Medicine is presented annually by EVMS Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences to a member of the graduating medical class who has shown outstanding achievement and interest in the field of addiction medicine.
Kirklan Thomas Kathe

The Award for Excellence in Neuroscience is presented annually by EVMS Pathology and Anatomy to a member of the graduating medical class who has shown outstanding achievement and interest in the field of neuroscience.
Stephen Thomas Petr

The Award for Excellence in Psychiatry is presented annually by EVMS Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences to a member of the graduating medical class who has demonstrated exemplary performance in the study of psychiatry.
Tony J. Colangelo

The Desmond R.H. Gourley Award for Excellence in Pharmacology is presented annually by EVMS Physiological Sciences to a graduating medical student to recognize excellence in the understanding and appreciation of the pharmacological principles of therapeutics.
Daniel Barmas-Alamdari

The Edward Levy Award is given annually by EVMS Internal Medicine to a graduating student in recognition of excellence in internal medicine.
Alexander Joseph Schmitt

The Evelyn Lin, MD, Memorial Award is presented annually by EVMS Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation to a graduating medical student for outstanding achievement in physical medicine and rehabilitation. The award was established as a memorial to Dr. Lin, who received her medical degree from EVMS in 1995.
Mackinzie J Bekebrock McDaniel

The EVMS Alumni Association MD Student Service Award is given annually to the graduating medical student who demonstrates academic achievement as well as outstanding service to the class and Eastern Virginia Medical School.
Jennifer Nicole Tich

The EVMS School of Medicine Award for Community Service is presented annually by the Student Government Association and recognizes a graduating medical student who demonstrates personal commitment to community service through his or her volunteer participation in EVMS outreach or other initiatives in Hampton Roads and beyond. The recipient of this award will have made a significant contribution to benefit the community, organization or peoples served.
Abigail Barger
Ellen Marie Dowling

The EVMS Student Government Association MD Leadership Award is awarded to a medical student who has demonstrated significant achievement in leadership.
Suhas Bharadwaj

The Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award is presented annually by the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine to a graduating medical student for outstanding achievement in emergency medicine.
Emily Fredrikson

The Gary L. Pittenger and David E. Scott Award for Excellence in the Anatomical Sciences is presented annually to a graduating medical student to recognize academic excellence in the anatomical sciences in memory of Gary L. Pittenger, PhD and David E. Scott, PhD. Drs. Pittenger and Scott were members of EVMS Pathology and Anatomy who devoted their professional lives to scholarship in the anatomical sciences.
Charles W. O’Neal

The James F. Lind Sr., MD, Award is given annually by EVMS Surgery to the graduating medical student who demonstrates an outstanding knowledge of surgical principles and commitment to excellence in attaining the standards of academic surgery, and who exemplifies the qualities of a self-directed and lifelong learner.
Daisy Proksch
AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

School of Medicine Awards

The John Franklin Award is presented each year by EVMS Internal Medicine to a graduating medical student for demonstrated excellence in internal medicine.
Marie-Laurie Flamer

The Lloyd Damsey, MD, Memorial Award is given annually by EVMS Family and Community Medicine to the graduating medical student who best demonstrates a commitment to the ideals of family and community medicine, overall academic excellence, outstanding service to the school and community, and innovative research activities.
Richard William Daniel Jones

The Mason C. Andrews Citizen Scholar Award is presented annually by EVMS Obstetrics and Gynecology to the medical student who demonstrates excellence in both academic achievements and community service, humbly working behind the scenes to make our environment a better place in which to work and live, thereby emulating the vision and spirit of Dr. Mason C. Andrews.
Lindsay Gould

The Medical Student Obstetrics and Gynecology Performance Award is presented annually to a graduating medical student in recognition of exemplary performance in obstetrics and gynecology.
Abigail Barger

The Melissa Warfield, MD, Humanism in Medicine Award is presented annually to a fourth-year medical student who exemplifies the qualities of Dr. Melissa Warfield: a caring and compassionate role model and leader who embodies service through his or her actions in peer teaching, peer guidance, community service and patient-centered medicine.
Ursula F. Griffiths-Randolph

The Military Medicine Award is presented annually by EVMS Academic Affairs to the graduating military medical student who has exemplified the highest degree of integrity, professionalism, and selfless service throughout their years at Eastern Virginia Medical School. This student’s dual commitment to outstanding performance in doctoring and their military duties demonstrates great promise as they transition from EVMS student to United States Military Officer.
Alexander P. McNally

The Raymond V. van Wolkenten Memorial Faculty Award is given to a Ghent Family Practice faculty member who best exemplifies teaching and clinical service.
John E. Snellings, MD

The Raymond V. van Wolkenten Memorial Student Award is given to a student committed to Family Medicine, showing an appreciation for the full breadth and scope of the specialty.
Mackenzie R. McHugh

The Robert Campe Goodman and Augusta S. Goodman Award is presented annually by EVMS Academic Affairs to a graduating medical student on the basis of both academic excellence and unselfish concern for others.
Andrew G. Abayan

The Robert J. Faulconer Gold Medal is awarded annually by EVMS Pathology and Anatomy to the graduating medical student who has demonstrated superior achievement in pathology.
Alexander Joseph Schmitt

The Sigfred Award is presented to the graduating student who has demonstrated superior knowledge, skills and capacity for learning in Diagnostic Radiology, and who shows great enthusiasm for the discipline.
Thomas M. Pender

The Sir William Osler Awards are given each year to an intern, a resident, an attending physician, a basic scientist and a community faculty preceptor by the graduating medical students in recognition of excellence in teaching:
Julie A. Kerry, PhD, Outstanding Basic Scientist
Alexandra P. Leader, MD, MPH, Outstanding Community Faculty Preceptor
Sarah Nata Jost-Haynes, MD, Outstanding Intern
A. Brooke Hooper, MD, Outstanding Physician
Danielle E. Russell, MD, Outstanding Resident
AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Honor Societies

**Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society**, a professional medical organization, recognizes and advocates for excellence in scholarship and the highest ideals in the profession of medicine. AOA values include honesty, honorable conduct, morality, virtue, unselfishness, ethical ideals, dedication to serving others, and leadership. The top 25 percent of a medical school class is eligible for nomination to the society.

**Student Inductees Junior Year**
- Emily Fredrikson
- Emma Walls Greever
- Jeremy Kurnot
- Stephen Thomas Petr
- Alexander Joseph Schmitt
- Haley Lynn Taylor

**Student Inductees Senior Year**
- Andrew G. Abayan
- Randall Bloch
- Haley Sullivan D’Souza
- Jennifer Louise Embry
- Marie-Laure Flamer
- Rebecca Keith Johnson
- Erin Elizabeth Madison
- Daniel Hoang Mai
- Catherine Kendall Major
- Alexander P. McNally
- Soquel Rey
- Joshua Michael Schwartz
- Catherine M. Smith
- Molly Connors Snyder
- Ross Taylor
- Jennifer Nicole Tich
- Claire Kimberly Turscak
- Kei-Lwun Yee

**Residents**
- Brian C. Ahearn, MD (MD ’18)
- Caroline T. Mears, DO
- Ricardo E. Rendel, MD
- Harjas Singh, MD

**Faculty**
- Joseph K. Han, MD
- Lauren W. Mazzurco, DO
- Erika T. Rhone

**Alumni**
- Andrew W. Moore, MD (MD ’08)
- Barry J. Rittmann Jr., MD (MD ’13)

**Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health** encourages research and scholarship among graduate students of public health and recognizes achievement in the field. Delta Omega elects new student, faculty, alumni and honorary members each year based on high academic standards and outstanding performance in scholarship, teaching, research and community service. This year’s inductees to the Alpha Kappa Chapter of the Delta Omega at Eastern Virginia Medical School and Old Dominion University are:

**Student Inductees**
- Brittany Furr
- Madeline George
- Mackenzie Hunt
- Heather Marie Lucas
- Jessica Joan Meadows
- Morgan L. Perkins
- May Amr Salama
- Annie A. Truong

**Faculty Inductee**
- Norman A. Grefe III, MS

**Honorary Inductee**
- R. Clinton Crews, MPH
## AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

### Honor Societies

**Gold Humanism Honor Society** honors medical students, residents, role-model physician teachers and other exemplars recognized for “demonstrated excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service.”

_A special thank you to The Arnold P. Gold Foundation for their support of the Gold Humanism Honor Society Chapter at Eastern Virginia Medical School._

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**Pi Alpha Honor Society** is the national honor society organized for the promotion and recognition of both physician assistant students and graduates. Membership signifies the inductees’ significant academic achievement and honors them for leadership, research, community/professional service, and other related activities. The society also encourages a high standard of character and conduct among students and graduates.

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2021 Military Graduates

The communities that make up the Hampton Roads region collectively support 18 military installations (including two joint bases), all four branches of the military services, the Coast Guard and approximately 125,000 active-duty, reserve and civilian personnel. EVMS is honored to recognize our military graduates from the Class of 2021:

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Student Government Association Officers

Suhas Bharadwaj
MD Class of 2021
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Riley M. Suter
MD Class of 2023
Student Body Vice President

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Vice President of Community Outreach

Arianna K. Jensen-Wachspress
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Vice President of Wellness

The EVMS Student Government Association Staff Recognition Award
is given annually to a staff member in recognition of outstanding service to students.
Nicole M. Holt, DrPH, MPH
FACULTY AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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Fine Family Academy of Educators

In 2018, the Fine Family established The Fine Family Academy of Educators to recognize and elevate the status of healthcare educators who have made outstanding contributions to the EVMS community through sustained excellence in teaching, curriculum innovation, scholarship and educational leadership. A professional learning community in on-going pursuit of educational excellence and scholarship, The Fine Family Academy of Educators is highly regarded in advancing educators – and education – both locally and nationally. The inaugural class of The Fine Family Academy of Educators was inducted in September 2019. The Fine family has made it a personal legacy to give back to the community in which they reside and seek healthcare. EVMS is grateful for their continued leadership and their dedication to the institution. Their philanthropy through the decades has given EVMS a scholarship, an academic honor, awarded faculty grants and named the Academy of Educators.

MEMBERS

Amanda K. Burbage, PhD
Associate Professor, Medical and Health Professions Education

Anjeza Cipi, MD
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Anca D. Dobrian, PhD
Director, Biomedical Sciences PhD and Masters Graduate Programs, Professor, Physiological Sciences

Carrie A. Elzie, PhD
Associate Professor, Pathology and Anatomy

Mekbib L. Gemeda, MA
Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, Assistant Professor, School of Health Professions
FACULTY AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Peggy E. Gesing, PhD
Assistant Professor, School of Health Professions, Director, Medical and Health Professions Education Program

Charles Graffeo, MD
Assistant Residency Director and Professor, Emergency Medicine

Uzoma S. Ikonne, PhD, MD
Associate Professor, Physiological Sciences

Mily J. Kannarkat, MD (MD ’06)
Assistant Vice Dean for Pre-Clinical Education, Associate Professor, Internal Medicine - Glennan Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology

Julie A. Kerry, PhD
EVMS Foundation Distinguished Professorship in Biomedical Sciences
Professor and Chair, Microbiology and Molecular Cell Biology

Lauren W. Mazzurco, DO
Rosemary Fenton and Garnett Jordan Professorship in Geriatrics Program Director, Geriatric Medicine Fellowship
Associate Professor, Internal Medicine - Glennan Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology

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Agatha D. Parks-Savage, EdD
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Associate Professor, Physiological Sciences

Alice A. Roberts, MD, PhD
Antoinette F. Hood, MD Professorship in Dermatology, Assistant Professor, Dermatology

Don G. Robison, PhD
Director, Curriculum and Instruction, Assistant Professor, Family and Community Medicine

Jacqueline K. Shaia, MS (MS ’19)
Instructor, Pathology and Anatomy

John E. Snellings, MD (MD ’10, Family and Community Medicine Residency ’14)
Assistant Professor, Family and Community Medicine

Sami G. Tahhan, MD (MD ’99, Internal Medicine Residency ’02)
Associate Chair for Faculty Development, Professor, Internal Medicine
FACULTY AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

David A. Taylor-Fishwick, PhD
Professor, Microbiology and Molecular Cell Biology

Judith C. Taylor-Fishwick, MSc
Director of Professional Development, EVMS Faculty Affairs and Professional Development, Assistant Professor, Pediatrics

Kyle M. Zeltmann, MEd
Media Specialist, Distance Education

Academic Honors

At EVMS, an academic honor is bestowed upon a faculty member who exemplifies excellence in his or her field, delivering on the promise of EVMS to improve community and global health through education, patient care and research. EVMS Faculty Affairs and Professional Development present formal nominations of deserving faculty to the President and Provost for approval by the Board of Visitors. Each academic honor is supported through a donor-endowed fund with four levels determined by the endowed fund amount: distinguished chair, chair, distinguished professorship, and professorship. A symbol of excellence in academia, the academic honor enables EVMS to invest in the teachers, researchers and care providers at the core of our mission, and bring the best and brightest to Hampton Roads. Many thanks to our generous donors, EVMS recognizes these outstanding faculty who currently hold endowed chairs and professorships:

EVMS Foundation Endowed Chairs and Professorships

Distinguished Chairs

David L. Bernd Distinguished Chair for Cardiovascular and Diabetes
Elias S. Siraj, MD

John Franklin Distinguished Chair in Geriatrics
Marissa C. Galicia-Castillo, MD, MSEd (MD ’97, Internal Medicine Residency ’00)

Chairs

Anne Armistead Robinson Chair in Psychiatry of EVMS
Stephen I. Deutsch, MD, PhD

Arthur and Marie Kirk Family Chair
Jay N. Collins, MD (Trauma and Critical Care Fellowship ’98)

Charles F. Burroughs Jr. Chair in Family & Community Medicine
Margaret Y. Baumgarten, MD (Family and Community Medicine Residency ’99)

The Chidester Endowed Chair of Emergency Medicine
Francis L. Counselman, MD (MD ’83, Emergency Medicine Residency ’86)
FACULTY AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Devine Chair in Genitourinary Reconstructive Surgery
Kurt A. McCammon, MD (Urology Residency ’98, MPH ’12)

Edward J. Brickhouse Chair in Surgery
L.D. Britt, MD, MPH

EVMS Foundation Chair in Biomedical Sciences
Gerald J. Pepe, PhD

EVMS Foundation Chair in Pediatrics
C.W. Gowan Jr., MD

EVMS Foundation Chair in Psychiatry
David R. Spiegel, MD

EVMS/Sentara Endowed Chair for Academic Leadership Advancement for the M. Foscue Brock Institute for Global and Community Health
Cynthia C. Romero, MD (MD ’93)

EVMS/Sentara Endowed Chair for Academic Leadership Advancement in Internal Medicine
Joshua M. Sill, MD

EVMS/Sentara Endowed Chair for Academic Leadership Advancement in Obstetrics & Gynecology
Joseph L. Hudgens, MD

EVMS/Sentara Endowed Chair for Academic Leadership Advancement in Otolaryngology
Eric J. Dobratz, MD (MD ’03)

EVMS/Sentara Endowed Chair for Academic Leadership Advancement in Surgery
Rebecca C. Britt, MD (MD ’98, Trauma and Critical Care Fellowship ’04)

Glenn R. Mitchell Chair in Generalist Medicine
Alison E. Dobbie, MB ChB

Harry H. Mansbach Chair in Internal Medicine
Rehan Qayyum, MBBS, MHS

Henry Clay Hofheimer II Chair in Obstetrics and Gynecology
Peter Takacs, MD, PhD

Mason C. Andrews Chair in Obstetrics and Gynecology
Alfred Z. Abuhamad, MD

The Murray Waitzer Endowed Chair in Diabetes Research
Recruiting
FACULTY AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Robert L. Payne Chair in Surgery
Rebecca C. Britt, MD (MD '98, Trauma and Critical Care Fellowship '04)

Sentara Healthcare Chair of the EVMS Department of Otolaryngology
Barry Strasnick, MD

Distinguished Professorships
Alfred E. Abiouness Distinguished Professorship in Geriatrics
Hamid R. Okhravi, MD

Anthem Distinguished Professorship for Cancer Research
O. John Semmes IV, PhD

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Barry J. Knapp, MD

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Paul E. Marik, MBBCh

James E. Etheridge Jr. Distinguished Professorship
Ronald W. Flenner, MD (MD ’89)

Oscar Edwards, MD Memorial Distinguished Professorship in Internal Medicine
Thomas J. Manser, MD (Internal Medicine Residency ’84)

Redwood Distinguished Professorship of Psychiatry & Behavioral Medicine
Maria R. Urbano, MD (MD ’83)

Sue Faulkner Scribner Distinguished Professorship in Geriatrics
Recruiting

Professorships
Ann and Paul F. Schellhammer, MD Professorship in Cancer Research
Robert W. Given, MD

Antoinette F. Hood, MD Professorship in Dermatology
Alice A. Roberts, MD, PhD

EVMS Ophthalmology Professorship
Shannon M. McCole, MD (Ophthalmology Residency ’97)
FACULTY AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Fine Family Professorship in Otolaryngology
Craig S. Derkay, MD

Henry Ford Professor of Surgery
L.D. Britt, MD, MPH

John and Lillian Norfleet Professorship in Internal Medicine
Nancy D. Morewitz, MD (MD '81)

Lydia I. Myers Endowed Professorship in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Antonio Quidgley-Nevares, MD

Rosemary Fenton and Garnett Jordan Professorship in Geriatrics
Lauren W. Mazzurco, DO

Toy Savage Endowed Professorship in Pediatrics
Kelli J. England, PhD

Westminster-Canterbury Endowed Professorship in Geriatrics
Richard M. Whalen, MD (MD '85, Internal Medicine Residency '88)

Zora M. & Gilmer A. Warfield Professorship for Humanities in Medicine
Sahira A. Humadi, MB ChB (Family and Community Medicine Residency ’00)
EMERITI FACULTY

Emeritus status at EVMS is an honor. It is granted to retired faculty members who have demonstrated a distinguished professorial career and have made significant contributions to the institution. The following faculty have been nominated and appointed as Emerti faculty in 2021:

Richard M. Bikowski, MD, Professor Emeritus
Family and Community Medicine

Richard P. Ciavarra, PhD, Professor Emeritus
Microbiology and Molecular Cell Biology

Ludwig Matthew Frank, MD, Professor Emeritus
Pediatrics

Edward H. Karotkin, MD, Professor Emeritus
Pediatrics

Robert M. Palmer, MD, MPH, Professor Emeritus
Internal Medicine

Faiqa A. Qureshi, MBBS, Professor Emerita
Pediatrics

Arno L. Zaritsky, MD, Professor Emeritus
Pediatrics
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Anca D. Dobrian, PhD, Program Director

DEGREE RECIPIENT

Maimoona Shahid Bhutta
“Ginkgolic Acid, a novel pan-antiviral inhibitor - in vitro and in vivo applications using Herpes simplex virus as a model”

Chair: Ronen Borenstein, PhD
DOCTOR OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Brian C. Martin, PhD, MBA, Associate Dean of Administration, Program Director

DEGREE RECIPIENTS

| Carlos Holmes Cajares                      | Evelyn Osemeikhian                        |
| Sylvia A.B. Caldwell                      | April Adams Pace                          |
| Joanne Sujitra Daniel                    | Jolisa A. Parham                          |
| Thahsina Dulal                           | Ashley Nicole Parker                      |
| Amanda Duncan                            | Peta-Gaye Pickett                         |
| Brittany Lorene Faison-Holmes            | Amanda Quillin                            |
| Morris Michael Flood                     | Cherelle J. Ridley                        |
| Corey Tashombe Hardy                     | Paul Edward Savage Jr.                    |
| Katharine Chris Hawkes                   | Miku Sodhi                                |
| Michael S. Luttrell                      | Lance Sustaita                            |
| Brad Alan Marino                         | Jessica Danielle Tabb                     |
| Stephanie Louise McCombs                 | Diane Adaku Tackie                        |
| Janisse Nia Tate Mitchell                | Daniel Thomas Thibodeau                   |
| Alicia Moss                              | Stephanie Senatus Thomas                  |
| Kathy Reese Newhall                      | George W. Tripp Jr.                       |
| January-Jill Velez Ogoy                  | Turaj Vazifedan                           |
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ART THERAPY AND COUNSELING

Mary R. Roberts, PhD, LPC-ACS, ATR-BC, ATCS, Program Director

DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Suzanna Anderson   Alicia A. Hines
Zalene J. Brant    Emily Hottel King
Kelsey A. Courage  Yianni Odysseus Mikalis
Maria M. Edwards   Flora Elizabeth Papadimitriou
Jennifer S. Heishman  Ann Jane Varatharaj
# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES - MEDICAL

Deborah H. Damon, PhD, *Program Director*

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THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL OATH

I pledge to perform the following duties with honesty and dedication:

I will hold as my primary responsibility the health, safety, welfare and dignity of all human beings.

I will uphold the tenets of patient autonomy, beneficence, nonmaleficence and justice.

I will recognize and promote the value of diversity.

I will treat equally all persons who seek my care.

I will hold in confidence the information shared in the course of practicing medicine.

I will assess my personal capabilities and limitations, striving always to improve my medical practice.

I will actively seek to expand my knowledge and skills, keeping abreast of advances in medicine.

I will work with other members of the health care team to provide compassionate and effective care of patients.

I will use my knowledge and experience to contribute to an improved community.

I will respect my professional relationship with the physician.

I will share and expand knowledge within the profession.

These duties are pledged with sincerity and upon my honor.
THE OATH OF HIPPOCRATES

(Modern)

Upon this day of graduation from the Eastern Virginia Medical School as I seek admission to the medical profession: I do solemnly affirm, as did the ancient Greeks, by all that I hold most sacred that, according to my ability and judgment I will keep this oath and its stipulations.

I hold my teachers in this art equal to my own parents and extend to them the respect and gratitude which is their due.

I will by precept, lecture, and every other mode of instruction, impart a knowledge of the art to my progeny and those of my teachers, and to disciples bound by covenant and oath according to the law of medicine.

I will follow that system of treatment which according to my ability and judgment I consider for the benefit of my patients and abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous.

I will exercise my art, solely for the cure of my patients and the prevention of disease and will give no drugs and perform no operations for a criminal purpose nor far less suggest such a thing.

With honor and dignity I will practice my profession not permitting consideration of religion, nationality, race or social standing to intervene between duty and my patient.

Into whatsoever houses I enter, I will go for the benefit of the sick and will hold myself aloof from every voluntary act of wrongdoing or corruption.

Whatever I may see or hear in the lives of others which ought not be spoken abroad, I will not divulge, reckoning that such should be kept secret.

While I continue to keep this oath unviolated, may it be granted to me to enjoy life and the practice of the art, respected by all people in all times. But should I trespass and violate this oath, may the reverse be my lot.
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