THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO

COMMENCEMENT
CLASS OF 2022

SATURDAY, MAY TWENTY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO
9:00 AM
SAN ANTONIO ALAMODOME
Commencement Program
OUR MISSION

The mission of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio is to make lives better through excellence in education, research, health care and community engagement.

Strategies for achieving this mission are:

- Educating a diverse student body to become excellent health care providers and scientists.
- Engaging in research to understand health and disease.
- Commercializing discoveries, as appropriate, to benefit the public.
- Providing compassionate and culturally proficient health care.
- Engaging our community to improve health.
- Influencing thoughtful advances in health policy.

OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio is to provide the best in health careers education, biomedical research, patient care and community service to San Antonio and the South Texas/Border Region. Through undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate programs, the faculty is committed to educating health professionals who will provide excellent patient care and research that can be applied to treat and prevent disease.
THE ORDER OF EXERCISES

Processional
The audience is asked to remain seated for the procession. Additionally, guests are requested to please silence all cell phones for the duration of the ceremony.

Presiding
William L. Henrich, M.D., MACP
President
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Greetings
Jacqueline Lee Mok, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs

Congratulatory Remarks
President William L. Henrich

Introduction of Speaker
President William L. Henrich

Commencement Address
The Honorable Henry G. Cisneros, Ph.D.
Former Mayor of San Antonio, Former United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Chairman, American Triple I Partners, LLC.

Conferring of Degrees
President William L. Henrich

Presentation of the Graduates

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
David S. Weiss, Ph.D.
Dean

Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long School of Medicine
Robert Hromas, M.D., FACP
Dean

Hippocratic Oath
School of Dentistry
Peter M. Loomer, D.D.S., Ph.D., MRCD(C), FACD
Dean

The Dentist’s Pledge

Dental Hygiene Oath

School of Nursing
Sara L. Gill, Ph.D., RN, IBCLC, FAAN
Associate Dean for Graduate Studies

School of Health Professions
David C. Shelledy, Ph.D., RRT, FAARC, FASAHP
Dean

Closing Remarks
President William L. Henrich

Recessional
As a courtesy to the graduating class, guests are requested to please refrain from leaving until after the platform party and faculty recessional.
ACADEMIC CEREMONY AND REGALIA

Commencement ceremonies are grounded in ancient religious, educational and civic rituals. Today’s ceremony begins with a grand procession led by the Marshal, followed by the President, Dean, Dignitaries, Assistant Marshals, Faculty and Graduates. Inspiring to observe, the procession demonstrates unity and collegiality among health care professionals while highlighting their distinctiveness with symbols of robe, cap, tassel, hood and cord.

The University Mace

The Marshal leads the academic procession carrying the president’s academic mace, a polished brass scepter that represents The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio’s authority to educate students and grant degrees. The mace is decorated with the university seal and the caduceus, an ancient depiction of two snakes wrapped around a winged staff, sometimes used as a symbol of the medical profession.

The Academic Regalia

The contemporary tradition of wearing academic regalia for university ceremonies dates to the 11th and 12th centuries, when the great European universities were being established. At that time, students organized themselves into guilds, or associations, called universitates. Members of the universitate wore distinctive gowns to identify their group and differentiate between apprentices and masters. A “bachelor” was a man who assisted another and was usually an apprentice within the guild. A “master” was recognized by guild superiors as having reached a high level of expertise and was licensed to practice and teach as a full-fledged guild member.

The Robe

During the medieval period, men and women alike wore long robes as everyday clothing. The simplicity or elegance of the individual’s robe identified them as peasants, clergy, students or royalty. To some extent, similar distinctions are made in today’s academic regalia. For example, the bachelor’s robe is simply designed with long pointed sleeves. It is said that the sleeves were originally used by the student, or apprentice, to carry scrolls on which their lessons were written. The master’s robe is similar in style, but the long, oblong sleeves are closed. The doctor’s robe is the most elaborate, with a long, flowing body, velvet trim on the front, and large bell-shaped sleeves with three velvet bars. Typically, academic robes are made of black fabric, but some universities have respectfully adopted other colors for doctoral gowns.

The Hood

The hood is a symbol of achievement — the means by which the degree and the college awarding the degree are readily recognized. The size and shape emphasize the degree level — the Doctor being the largest, followed by the Master and the Bachelor. The colors in the satin lining are those approved and authorized by the college or university conferring the degree. The colors for The University of Texas graduate are orange and white…the color of the velvet border and robe and sleeve, if any, indicates the degree earned (dark blue for Philosophy, light blue for Education, gold for Science, gold for Science).

Degrees and Colors

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Graduate Programs in Biomedical Sciences

Doctoral Programs

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Program Director

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Dental Science
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Advanced Education in General Dentistry Track
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Track Leader

Endodontics Track
Nikita Ruparel, D.D.S., Ph.D., M.S.
Track Leader
Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Track
Hassem Geha, D.D.S., M.D.S.
Track Leader

Orthodontics Track
Ravikumar Anthony, D.D.S., M.S.
Track Leader

Pediatric Dentistry Track
Maria-Jose Cervantes D.D.S., M.S.
Track Leader

Periodontics Track
Angela Palaiologou-Gallis, D.D.S., M.S.
Track Leader

Prosthodontics Track
Stephan Haney, D.D.S.
Interim Track Leader

Joint Program in Biomedical Engineering with
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Department of Biomedical Engineering
The University of Texas at San Antonio

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Chair of Committee on Graduate Studies
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Joint Program in Translational Science with
The University of Texas at San Antonio and
The University of Texas at Austin

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Chair of Committee on Graduate Studies and Program Director

Collaborative Program in Pharmacy with
The University of Texas at Austin

Samuel H. Poloyac, Pharm.D., Ph.D.
Dean, College of Pharmacy
The University of Texas at Austin
DOCTORAL DEGREES
AUGUST 2021
GRADUATES
Doctor of Philosophy

Integrated Biomedical Sciences

Andy Quang Banh
Physiology & Pharmacology Discipline
Pathogenic Tau Oligomers Induce Endothelial Cell Senescence and Dysfunction in Models of Alzheimer’s Disease

Jose Maria Gutierrez IV
Cell Biology, Genetics & Molecular Medicine Discipline
Metformin Targets One Carbon Metabolism Resulting in Inhibition Of Folate Transport

Anand Venkata Ramakrishna Kornepati
Molecular Immunology & Microbiology Discipline
Mechanistics Insights into Non-Canonical, Cell-Intrinsic PD-L1 Control of DNA Damage Response in Tumor Cells

Adam George Kosti
Cancer Biology Discipline
miRNA-Transcription Factor Networks in Gliomagenesis

Nursing Science

Habib Alrashedi
Factors Influencing Adult Critical Care Nurses’ Turnover Intentions in Saudi Arabia

Bassma Ibrahim Brnawi
Pediatric Nurses’ Knowledge and Attitudes About Identifying and Reporting Cases of Child Abuse and Neglect in The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

Darlene Deters
Feasibility of Respiratory Function Home Monitoring for Patients with Myasthenia Gravis

Gabriela Zaragoza
The Latino Family Caregiving Experience Along the Trajectory of Dementia

Radiological Sciences

Juan Antonio Vasquez Jr.
Medical Physics Track
Diffusion Weighted Imaging and Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy in the Liver

DOCTORAL DEGREES
DECEMBER 2021
GRADUATES
Doctor of Philosophy

Integrated Biomedical Sciences

Rebecca Lynn Bricker
Cell Biology, Genetics & Molecular Medicine Discipline
A Molecular Analysis of Pan-Placode Ectoderm and Olfactory Placode Differentiation in Human Pluripotent Stem Cells

Larry Esteban Broome
Cell Biology, Genetics & Molecular Medicine Discipline
A Molecular Analysis of Pan-Placode Ectoderm and Olfactory Placode Differentiation in Human Pluripotent Stem Cells

Stephen Jacob Gonzales
Molecular Immunology & Microbiology Discipline
Plasmodium Falciparum-Specific b Cell Responses in Malaria-Susceptible Children and Malaria-Immune Adults

George Robert Plasko
Biology of Aging Discipline
The Functional Role of Tetraneatin in Overnutrition-induced Obesity and Hepatosteatosis in Female Mice

Wan-Chen Wu
Neuroscience Discipline
Investigations of Gabaergic Modulation at Select Synapses in the Mouse Cerebellar Circuitry

Xiaoyu Yang
Cancer Biology Discipline
Targeting Glutamine/Signal Transducer and Activator of Transcription 3 Axis in Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma
Nursing Science

Ana Gabriela Vera
Experiences of Women in Same-Sex Relationships During Their Partners Conception, Pregnancy, and Birth

DOCTORAL DEGREES
FEBRUARY 2022
GRADUATES
Doctor of Philosophy

Integrated Biomedical Sciences

Sadiya Noor Ahmad
Cell Biology, Genetics & Molecular Medicine Discipline
Investigating the Role of LRP1 Mediated Astrocyte Reactivity in Stroke

Jeffrey Jong Hwan Kim
Cell Biology, Genetics & Molecular Medicine Discipline
The LRRK2 G2019S Mutation Leads to an Attenuated Antioxidant Response in Neural Stem Cells

Grace Annette Porter
Neuroscience Discipline
The Role of Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor Deficiency in The Spatiotemporal Neuroinflammatory and Behavioral Responses to Peripheral Immune Challenge

CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTORAL DEGREES
MAY 2022
Doctor of Philosophy

Biomedical Engineering

Kun Fang
Quantitative Modeling Nucleosome Organization Identifying Functional Nucleosome States That Distinctly Associated with Pioneer Capacity and Splicing Potentiality

Integrated Biomedical Sciences

Amanda Rae Mannino
Cell Biology, Genetics & Molecular Medicine Discipline
Host Factors are Principally Responsible for Natural Resistance to Simian Immunodeficiency Virus Infection in Baboons

Nursing Science

Umber Darilek
A Qualitative Descriptive Study on Obstetric Violence in Institutional Settings in the US

Eva Yadira Prieto Valdez
Breastfeeding Women Returning to Work in a Service Sector Environment

Radiological Sciences

Colton Luke Baley
Medical Physics Track
Implementation of 4D Cone-Beam Computed Tomography for Localization Accuracy and Normal Tissue Sparing in Lung Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy

Victoria Noelle Bry
Medical Physics Track
Clinical Implementation of Surface Guided Imaging for Specialty Applications in Radiation Therapy

Ruiqi Li
Medical Physics Track
A Robust Treatment Planning Framework that Accounts for Weekly Lung Tumor Shrinkage Using Cone Beam Computed Tomography Images with a Deep Learning-based Model

Alexander Jacob Moody
Medical Physics Track
Biomarkers in Cardiac Magnetic Resonance Imaging: Indicators of Aging and Metabolic Function

Translational Science

Noor Yahya Al Obaidi
KeraStat® Gel for Topical Delivery of Morphine for Management of Non-Healing, Painful Open Wounds and Ulcers
Sandra Carolina Becerra  
*Effects Of High Levels of Ionizing Radiation Exposure on Blood and Vascular Integrity*

**Doctor of Medical Physics**

Kathryn Elise Bales Kelly  
Madison Katherine Naessig  
Katelyn Reily Rieker

**Doctor of Pharmacy**

Samantha Aguilar  
Yasmeen Alqaisi  
Audrey Candice Anderson  
Alyssa Marie Castillo  
Michelle Ruoh-Yu Chiou  
Jessica Ngu Chiu  
Megan Li-xin Dibbern  
Hector Alejandro Fernandez  
Prakruti Gandhi  
Gillian Ginette Gonzales  
Avery Elise Guzman  
Alan Hao  
Daniel Dee Helms  
Marina Hernandez  
Victoria Lyn Higgins  
Haneen Adel Hussein  
Bryan Huynh  
Samantha Pan  
Joshua Carl Perez  
Kevin Ross S. Quidilla  
Katherine Anne Rogers  
Alisen Bailey Saenz  
Dayoung Shim  
Dwight Sze  
Kenny Tang  
Mitchell Scott Telles  
Kari Lynne Tornes  
Sorina Brinae Torrez  
Tung David Tran  
Uyen Nguyen Ha Tran  
Zane Daniel Wofford  
Emily Katherine Wong  
Yufeng Zhai

**CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTORAL DEGREES JUNE 2022**

**Doctor of Philosophy**

**Biomedical Engineering**

Aaron Oracio Gonzalez  
*Rejuvenation of Aging Adipose-Derived Mesenchymal Stem Cells for Autologous Therapy*

**Integrated Biomedical Sciences**

Kristin Ann Altwegg  
*Cancer Biology Discipline*  
*Development & Characterization of First-in-Class Inhibitor Targeting PELP1 for Treating Breast Cancers*

Meghna Nitin Chinchankar  
*Biology of Aging Discipline*  
*Elucidating the Role of ER-associated Protein Quality Control in a Long-lived Proteasome Mutant of C. elegans*

Richard Jacob De La Rosa  
*Cell Biology, Genetics & Molecular Medicine Discipline*  
*Atad2-Dependent Chromatin Accessibility Promotes GR-Mediated Enzalutamide Resistant Prostate Cancer*

Myrna Guadalupe Garcia  
*Molecular Immunology & Microbiology Discipline*  
*Distinct Treatment and Immunological Responses to αpd-1, αpd-l1 and αpd-l2 Cancer Immunotherapy in Aged Versus Young Mice*

Nicole Rae Hensch  
*Cell Biology, Genetics & Molecular Medicine Discipline*  
*SNAI2 Protection of Rhabdomyosarcoma Against Ionizing Radiation Can be Targeted by MEK Inhibition in RAS-mutant fusion-negative Tumors*

Mustafa NurulHasan Mithaiwala  
*Neuroscience Discipline*  
*The Role of Oxidative Kynurenine Metabolism in Mediating Cognitive Impairment During Chronic Inflammation*
Denisse Paredes Aragon  
Neuroscience Discipline  
BDNF-induced Plasticity in the Ventromedial Prefrontal Cortex: A Potential Mechanism for the Therapeutic Effects of Fear Extinction in Stressed Rats

Daniel Brian Shropshire II  
Physiology & Pharmacology Discipline  
Microenvironment Purines and Osteosarcoma Metastasis

Travis James Shute  
Molecular Immunology & Microbiology Discipline  
Glycolipid-loaded Nanoparticles Harness iNKT cells for Tumor Immunotherapy

Santosh Timilsina  
Cancer Biology Discipline  
Targeting Forkhead Box M1 as a Novel Approach to Inhibit Breast Cancer Growth and Progression

Alexandra Maria Vaiana  
Neuroscience Discipline  
Mechanisms of Cognitive Impairment Induced by Androgen Deprivation Therapy for Prostate Cancer and the Therapeutic Effects of Vortioxetine

Samantha See Mun Yee  
Physiology & Pharmacology Discipline  
Use Of Microtubule Targeting Agents in Breast and Ovarian Cancer

Gabrielle Zuniga  
Neuroscience Discipline  
Tau-Induced Deficits in Nonsense-Mediated mRNA Decay Contribute to Neurodegeneration

Lauren Elizabeth Hicks  
Childbirth Support During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Yusra Abdelmonem Eisa Mohamed  
Biotechnology Track  
Investigating the role of PHF6 Alteration Within the Hematopoietic System in Leukemogenesis

Jayakumar Jayaraman  
Pediatric Dentistry Track  
Age Estimation Based on The Stage of Tooth Formation: Development and Validation Of Reference Standards in Children of Hispanic Origin In Texas

Maria Karakousoglou  
Orthodontics Track  
Evaluation of the Learning Outcomes of a Virtual Case Based Learning (CBL) Course Using SOLO Taxonomy, Bloom's Taxonomy and ABO Domain Classification at the UT Health San Antonio Postgraduate Orthodontic Curriculum

Alia Elkhalili  
Role of Coagulation in Viral Infections and Mechanical Ventilation

Kate Oakley Saucke  
Radiological Sciences Track  
Analysis of a Quality Assurance Program for Intraoral Photo-stimulable Phosphor Plates at a Large Academic Institution and Recommendations for Programmatic Enhancements
MASTERS DEGREE
DECEMBER 2021
GRADUATES
Master of Science
Integrated Biomedical Sciences

Nicholas Edward Jones
Molecular Immunology & Microbiology Discipline
Role of Paracrine Regulation of mTOR Activity in Thymus Atrophy and Regeneration

Immunology and Infection

Nohelli Eunice Brockman
Identification Of Candida Auris Essential Genes Using Agrobacterium Tumefaciens Insertional Mutagenesis and Next Generation Sequencing (Ngs)

Jaclyn Nicole Merlo
Contribution Of Light Signaling in Oral Cancer Pain

Melissa D’Ann Soliz
Hematopoietic Stem Cell-derived Macrophages Infiltrate the Brain in Parkinson’s Disease.

Personalized Molecular Medicine

Douglas Pechacek
Development of New ezh2 Inhibitors as Anticancer Agents by Targeting the eed-binding Domain

Steven Blake Smithson
Dysregulation of NAD+-dependent Pathways as a Driver of Alcoholic Liver Fibrosis During Aging

MASTERS DEGREE
FEBRUARY 2022
GRADUATES
Master of Science
Clinical Investigation and Translational Science

Riddhi Bhushi
4-MU Decreases Endometrial Cell Attachment and Invasion by Modulating the Expression of Genes in the Hyaluronic Acid +-(HA) 4 GJA1(Cx43).

CANDIDATES FOR THE
MASTERS DEGREE
MAY 2022
Master of Science

Cell Systems and Anatomy

Rachel Nicole Morgan
Anatomical Sciences Track
Cadaveric Study Of Anatomical Variations in the Limbic System

Clinical Investigation and Translational Science

Noel A. Vega
The Use of Prescribed Opioids in Individuals Living with a Limb Loss: A review of the Pre-and Post-Amputation Demographic Profile and Trends in Opioids Prescription in a South-Texas Safety Net Hospital.

Dental Science

Ahmed Abdelkarim
Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Track
Assessment of A Correction Algorithm for Latent Movement on CBCT Image Spatial Resolution

Mohammed Alsalem
Orthodontics Track
Analysis of Dentoalveolar Effects of Rapid Maxillary Expansion in Bilateral Cleft Lip and Palate Patients

Nayla Baaklini
Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Track
Accuracy of Linear Measurements Related to Presurgical Immediate Implant Treatment Planning Using Cone-Beam Computed Tomography

Antonella Aida Botto
Periodontics Track
The Effect of Dental Hygiene Procedures on Non-Surgical Peri-Implantitis Treatment: A Randomized Clinical Trial

Alicia Raquel Casarez-Quintana
Periodontics Track
Histologic Wound Healing Following Tooth Extraction and Ridge Preservation With Two Different Xenograft and Collagen Matrices.
Jordan Pierce Cavayero  
Orthodontics Track  
*An Evaluation of Incisor Position and Angulation on Profile Smile Esthetics*

Austin Jay Green  
Orthodontics Track  
*An Assessment of Knowledge: A Survey of General Dentists and Orthodontists*

Neil Thomas Griseto  
Prosthodontics Track  
*CAD/CAM Quality Assurance: Additive Manufacturing of Dies for Assessment of Fit of Full Coverage Restorations*

Angela Marie Hoikka  
Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Track  
*Correlation of Fixture Placement and Patient Symptoms in Orthognathic Surgery*

Nathan Michael Loughridge  
Periodontics Track  
*Ameloblastin and Odontogenic Ameloblast Associated Protein in Gingival Crevicular Fluid in Gingival Health, Gingivitis, and Periodontitis*

Ahmad Abdel Hadi Rayyan  
Endodontics Track  
*Effect of Endodontic Procedures on Generation of Aerosols in a Clinical Setting*

Shelby Nell Steffenhagen  
Orthodontics Track  
*A Survey of Professional Job Satisfaction Among Orthodontic Specialists in the United States*

Michael John Touloupas Jr.  
Orthodontics Track  
*Identifying Trends in Practice Management Education for Orthodontic Residents*

Jacob Woodrow Zellner  
Periodontics Track  
*Wound Healing after Ridge Preservation: the Effect of Healing Time on Vital Bone Formation (4 months vs. 12 months of healing)*

Immunology and Infection

Rodolfo Castellanos  
*Tumor Necrosis Factor-Stimulated Gene-6 (TSG-6) Expression in Resident Lung-Mesenchymal Stem/ Stromal Cells*

Brittny Leann Garcia  
*Veillonella Strain-Specific Virulence in Oral Disease*

Andrew Coy Setliff  
*Analysis of SARS-CoV-2 Viral Protein to Host Protein Interactions*

Personalized Molecular Medicine

Hannah Erin Hyche  
*Uncovering Further Regulatory Roles and Parameters of DNA Repair Pathway Choice at Sequentially Identical Genomic Locations*

CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTERS DEGREE JUNE 2022

Master of Science

Cell Systems and Anatomy

Gilberto Gonzalez  
Biotechnology Track  
*Investigating Phase Separation of EFA-6 In Nerve Regeneration*

Cynthia Lu Schulz  
Biotechnology Track  
*Tau-Induced Elevation of the Activity-Regulated Cytoskeleton Associated Protein Arc1 Causally Mediates Neurodegeneration in the Adult Drosophila Brain*

Immunology and Infection

Elizabeth Martinez-Scholze  
*The Acquisition of Breadth In Antibodies That Target Plasmodium Falciparum Cidra1 Variants*

Qurrat Ul Ain Mohsin  
*Role of Mycoplasma Pneumoniae Community Acquired Respiratory Distress Syndrome Toxin on Mitochondria*
Jensine Vallecer
Role of Lymphotoxin-Beta Receptor in Methotrexate-Induced Intestinal Epithelial Injury

Personalized Molecular Medicine

Jennifer Afua Adjei-Mosi
Course Based Track

Alondra Castillo
Course Based Track

Evelyn Diane Lazaris
Course Based Track

Maria Alejandra Ochoa
Course Based Track

Gavyn Lee Shealy
Course Based Track

Jacquelyn Turovsky
Course Based Track

Shelby Nicolle Waddell
Course Based Track

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MAY 2022

Biomedical Data Science

Omar Gabriel Catano

Edgar Munoz

Jia Nie

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Christopher Jordan File

Noah Zachary Lawrence

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Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs, ad interim

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Vice Dean for Inclusion and Diversity, ad interim

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Associate Dean for Student Affairs

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Associate Dean for Admissions and Outreach

Robert J. Nolan Jr., M.D.
Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education

Jan E. Patterson, M.D., M.S.
Associate Dean for Quality and Lifelong Learning

Patrick M. Sung, D. Phil.
Associate Dean for Research

José E. Cavazos, M.D., Ph.D.
Assistant Dean for the M.D./Ph.D. Program
Assistant Dean for Resident Research Programs
Long School of Medicine Department Chairs

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Manzoor Bhat, M.S., Ph.D.
Mark D. Bonnen, M.D.
John H. Calhoon, M.D.
John R. Floyd II, M.D.
Reuben Harris, Ph.D.
Tim Hui-Ming Huang, Ph.D.
Carlayne Jackson, M.D., *ad interim*
Carlos R. Jaén, M.D., Ph.D.
Daniel A. Johnson, M.D., M.B.A.
Marsha C. Kinney, M.D., M.S.
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The M.D. with Distinction in Medical Education Program provides medical students with an opportunity to spend part of their medical school career participating in activities focused on different components of teaching and educational research. This program is designed to instruct and train medical students in multiple domains of medical education and to emphasize the educational duties that physicians have in all aspects of their work.

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The M.D. with Distinction in Medical Humanities provides medical students with the opportunity to spend part of their medical school career exploring the interdisciplinary program offerings in the Center for Medical Humanities & Ethics (CMHE). Students will produce a capstone project, which demonstrates a sustained work of academic research or sustainably fills a specific and substantial need for a selected community within one of four tracks supported by the CMHE: Community Service, Global Health, Arts and Humanities, and Medical Ethics.

Doctor of Medicine with Distinction in Research

The M.D. with Distinction in Research is awarded to students who have completed at least 640 hours of mentored basic, clinical, translational or social sciences research over the course of their medical school tenure. Additional requirements include maintaining good academic standing, presenting a poster at Medical Student Research Day, and producing an approved, first authored manuscript describing their work.

Doctor of Medicine/Master of Public Health

The dual M.D./M.P.H. program prepares physicians to treat individuals and populations via training in biostatistics, epidemiology, behavioral science, public policy and environmental health. This four-year program allows students to accomplish an M.D. from the Long School of Medicine and an M.P.H. from the School of Public Health at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

Doctor of Medicine/Doctor of Philosophy

The dual M.D./Ph.D. program prepares physician-scientists to become accomplished health care providers and investigators with problem-solving knowledge and skills, trains physician-scientists in the conduct of clinical and translational research in culturally diverse settings, and develops future leaders in academic health care and biomedical research. The M.D./Ph.D. program is seven to eight years in length.
HIPPOCRATIC OATH
(Modern version)

I swear to fulfill, to the best of my ability and judgment, this covenant:

I will respect the hard-won scientific gains of those physicians in whose steps I walk, and gladly share such knowledge as is mine with those who are to follow.

I will apply, for the benefit of the sick, all measures which are required, avoiding those twin traps of overtreatment and therapeutic nihilism.

I will remember that there is art to medicine as well as science, and that warmth, sympathy, and understanding may outweigh the surgeon’s knife or the chemist’s drug.

I will not be ashamed to say “I know not,” nor will I fail to call in my colleagues when the skills of another are needed for a patient’s recovery.

I will respect the privacy of my patients, for their problems are not disclosed to me that the world may know. Most especially must I tread with care in matters of life and death. This awesome responsibility must be faced with great humbleness and awareness of my own frailty. Above all, I must not play at God.

I will remember that I do not treat a fever chart, a cancerous growth, but a sick human being, whose illness may affect the person’s family and economic stability. My responsibility includes these related problems, if I am to care adequately for the sick.

I will prevent disease whenever I can, for prevention is preferable to cure.

I will remember that I remain a member of society, with special obligations to all my fellow human beings, those sound of mind and body as well as the infirm.

If I do not violate this oath, may I enjoy life and art, respected while I live and remembered with affection thereafter. May I always act so as to preserve the finest traditions of my calling and may I long experience the joy of healing those who seek my help.

(Adapted from The Modern Hippocratic Oath written in 1964 by Louis Lasagna, former Academic Dean of the School of Medicine at Tufts University)
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Distinction in Research

Distinction in Research honors are awarded to dental students who have demonstrated unusually significant scientific accomplishments. These students have, under the mentorship of an active scientist, prepared a research proposal, completed the research project, analyzed and presented the results at local and national research meetings and prepared a report.

Distinction in Dental Education

The Teaching Honors Program contributes to the national effort within the dental education community to increase students’ awareness of the academic arm of the profession and to enhance awareness of career options in teaching, scholarship and academic administration. Distinction in Education is awarded to students who have completed the core courses in the Teaching Honors Program.

Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society

Omicron Kappa Upsilon is a national honor fraternity having chapters in more than 50 leading dental colleges. To be eligible, a student must be of high moral character and rank among the highest 20 percent of the class. Membership is a reward for consistent, earnest study through four years of dental school.

Sigma Phi Alpha Dental Hygiene Honor Society

Sigma Phi Alpha is a national honor society for the dental hygiene profession. Membership is limited to 10 percent of each graduating class by program. The society recognizes graduating dental hygiene students who demonstrate highest rank in scholarship, service and potential for professional growth. To be eligible, a graduate from the Bachelor of Science or Master of Science program must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Honor Cords

Blue Cords indicate Distinction in Research
Light Blue and Lilac Cords indicate Distinction in Education
Lilac Ribbons indicate membership in the Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society
White Satin Stoles indicate membership in Sigma Phi Alpha Dental Hygiene Honor Society
Gold Cords – Summa Cum Laude
Silver Cords – Magna Cum Laude
Bronze Cords – Cum Laude

Red, white and blue cords indicate Veterans of the United States Armed Forces and active duty military personnel. The cords are provided in appreciation of their service to our nation and defense of the freedoms we enjoy.
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 dedicate myself to render, to the best of my ability, the highest standard of oral health care and to maintain a relationship of respect and confidence. Therefore, let all come to me safe in the knowledge that their total health and well-being are my first considerations.

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

I acknowledge my obligation to support and sustain the honor and integrity of the profession and to conduct myself in all endeavors such that I shall merit the respect of my patients, colleagues and my community. I further commit myself to the betterment of my community for the benefit of all of society.

I shall faithfully observe the Principles of Ethics and Code 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 quality care.

I pledge to continually improve my professional knowledge and skills 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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Identifying Dementia Caregivers in Need of Mental Health Resources

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Applying the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Fall Prevention Toolkit to Decrease Falls in a Hospital Setting

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Impact of a COVID-19 Prevention Education Program in Children with Congenital or Acquired Heart Disease and their Caregivers

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Research medallions indicate those students who are graduating with Research Distinction. These students maintained a 3.25 GPA, were mentored by a UT Health San Antonio faculty member, presented their research at a mentor approved conference, and engaged in at least 320 hours of research activity.

Clinical medallions indicate those students who are graduating with Clinical Distinction. These students have completed extensive hours of community clinical service beyond the hours required for clinical education and maintained a 3.25 GPA or higher.

Royal blue/teal cords indicate those students who participated in the Advancing Community Oriented Registered Nursing (ACORN) Grant that are setting the foundation to have baccalaureate nurses in primary care settings after graduation.

Navy blue cords indicate those students who joined the Methodist Internship program and successfully completed an additional 260 clinical hours.

Blue, red and orange honor cords indicate those students who joined the VALOR Internship program through the South Texas Veteran Health Care System and completed 400 clinical hours under the direction of a nurse preceptor.

Red, white and blue cords identify Veterans of the United States Armed Forces and active duty military personnel. The cords are provided in appreciation of their service to our nation and defense of the freedoms we enjoy.

Light blue honor cords indicate those students who served as student leaders through the Student Success Center and Adelante Grant.

White and blue cords indicate membership in the National Student Nurses Association.
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The Alpha Eta Society is the national scholastic honor society for the allied health professions. To be considered for this prestigious society, doctoral and master’s degree students must earn a grade point average of 3.8 or greater, and baccalaureate degree and certificate students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or greater. No more than 10 percent of a graduating class may be elected to the Alpha Eta Society.

Alpha Eta’s motto, “Together We Serve,” summarizes a core value of the allied health professions that all health care providers work in collaboration to care for patients and clients. The society was named for the Greek letters equivalent to the first letters of Allied Health – alpha (A) and eta (H). Members of the Alpha Eta Society, the scholastic honor society for allied health professions, wear green cords.

Students may also be inducted into honor societies through their individual programs. Occupational Therapy students inducted into Pi Theta Epsilon are wearing blue and gold honor cords. Respiratory Care students inducted into Lambda Beta are wearing blue and green honor cords.

Additional cords worn by students in the School of Health Professions include:
- President Council members wear Teal Cords
- Veterans of the United States Armed Forces and active-duty military personnel wear Red, White and Blue cords

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The Stole
The stole is a simple “shawl” of satin worn by bachelor’s degree graduates that drapes across the shoulders and down the front of the gown. The stole for School of Health Professions graduates is orange, one of the ceremonial colors for The University of Texas.

The Cap and Tassel
Bachelor’s degree graduates of the School of Health Professions wear a colored tassel to indicate their professional discipline: golden yellow for Medical Laboratory Sciences, Emergency Health Sciences and Respiratory Care. Master’s and doctoral degree tassels are black.

The Robe
Velvet trim of various colors on the front of the doctoral robe and sleeves of the School of Health Professions graduates signifies the graduate’s academic or professional discipline: golden yellow for Medical Laboratory Sciences, slate blue for Occupational Therapy, and teal for Physical Therapy.
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