

# 2020 ACADEMIC HOODING CEREMONY



University of Nevada, Reno  
School of Medicine

41st

*Academic Hooding Ceremony*

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**Class of 2020**

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CLOSING REMARKS

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*From 1971 - 1977 UNR Med offered a two-year curriculum, as was common at the time.  
Students matriculated to other institutions for completion of their clinical training and granting of  
medical degrees.*



*Thomas L. Schwenk, M.D.*

To the Class of 2020:

On behalf of the entire University of Nevada, Reno community—the faculty and staff members, our community partners, our friends and supporters and the Nevada System of Higher Education, all of whom have contributed to your education—I offer my congratulations! Each of you is about to become an alumnus of our School of Medicine.

We understand that this virtual ceremony is not the way you wanted to celebrate—it's certainly not the way we wanted to celebrate with you. But I know that our educational and events leaders have applied all of their considerable energy and creativity to making this virtual celebration as memorable as possible. And however we celebrate, it is the accomplishment—what it took to get here and where you will go from here—that is really important.

Today marks both the end of the first phase of your medical education and the beginning of a lifetime of learning, practice and professional satisfaction. Think back to when you began this journey called medical school—our greetings to you the first morning of orientation week, the new bonds you formed with your classmates, Family Day, pancakes and receiving your very first white coat. At that point, the medical school road ahead probably felt endless. Yet here you are, reflecting on the past while quickly pivoting to anticipate the future.

Commencement, as the word itself is defined, is truly just the beginning. As you leave here, there are patients waiting for your compassion and humanism. There are students, residents and colleagues waiting for your mentorship. There are communities, hospitals and clinics waiting for your leadership. And there is a School of Medicine waiting for your service as ambassadors, to show the world how our values, history and traditions have influenced your professional and personal lives.

Graduation is a time of great celebration, with just a touch of bittersweet. We are sad that you are leaving, but so proud to welcome you as alumni of the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine. We are happy for you, for your success and for the excitement and satisfaction you will experience in your professional life to come.

As you enter the next stage of your medical education, always remember the oath you have pledged: To practice your profession with conscience and dignity, to put the patient first, to keep sacred the doctor-patient relationship, and to never permit considerations of religion, nationality, race, party politics or social standing to intervene between your duty as a physician and a patient.

I hope you graduate with pride in your training and experiences. Above all, I hope you know how committed we are to continuing our tradition of outstanding medical education, so you are always proud to say that you graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine.

**Thomas L. Schwenk, M.D.**  
Professor, Family and Community Medicine  
Dean, University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine  
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Patrice A. Harris, M.D., M.A.

Patrice A. Harris, M.D., M.A., a psychiatrist from Atlanta, became the 174th president of the American Medical Association in June 2019, and the organization's first African-American woman to hold this position. Dr. Harris has diverse experience as a private practicing physician, public health administrator, patient advocate and medical society lobbyist.

Dr. Harris currently spearheads the AMA's efforts to end the opioid epidemic and has been chair of the AMA Opioid Task Force since its inception in 2014. During her presidency, Dr. Harris will continue to lead the task force as it works across every state to eliminate barriers to treatment, provide patients with access to affordable, non-opioid pain care, and fight the stigma faced by those with substance use-disorders.

Having served on the AMA Board of Trustees since 2011, and as chair from 2016 to 2017, she has long been a mentor, a role model and an advocate. Prior to serving on the board, Dr. Harris honed her broad knowledge and deep understanding of health care issues through various leadership roles. At the AMA these included having served for many years on the AMA Council on Legislation, including a term as chair, and on multiple AMA task forces on topics such as health information technology, payment and delivery reform, and private contracting. Beyond the AMA she has held positions of leadership with the American Psychiatric Association, the Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association, the Medical Association of Georgia, and The Big Cities Health Coalition, where she chaired this forum composed of leaders from America's largest metropolitan health departments.

Growing up in Bluefield, West Virginia, Dr. Harris dreamt of entering medicine at a time when few women of color were encouraged to become physicians. Dr. Harris spent her formative years at West Virginia University, earning a BA in psychology, an MA in counseling psychology and ultimately, a medical degree in 1992. It was during this time that her passion for helping children emerged, and she completed her psychiatry residency and fellowships in child and adolescent psychiatry and forensic psychiatry at the Emory University School of Medicine.

Two themes that govern Dr. Harris's professional life are a passion to improve the lives of children and service to others. A recognized expert in children's mental health and childhood trauma, Dr. Harris has led efforts on both local and national levels to integrate public health, behavioral health and primary care services with supports for employment, housing and education.

A distinguished fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, Dr. Harris continues in private practice and currently consults with both public and private organizations on health service delivery and emerging trends in practice and health policy. She is an adjunct assistant professor in the Emory Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and an adjunct clinical assistant professor in psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Morehouse School of Medicine.

#### Class of 2020 Program Dedication

William B. McHugh, M.D., Ph.D., was a man who wore many hats. To the students of UNR Med, he was a teacher and a mentor.

We knew Dr. McHugh mostly as a neurologist who excelled in his craft and dedicated his time to teaching. Of course, he sought to guide us through the nuances and intricacies of neurology, but he also provided us with personal stories and invaluable lessons. The knowledge we gained about the nervous system was a critical part of our training, but the tales about Dr. McHugh's life and career were—and will remain—sacred and precious to us.

After his unfortunate passing, numerous students had the honor of attending his wake at Ceol Irish Pub. Along with Dr. McHugh's family, friends, and loved ones, we gathered to celebrate his life and to share the impact he had on us all.

The Class of 2020 has chosen to dedicate our Hooding Ceremony to the memory of Dr. William B. McHugh, because he not only imbued us with knowledge that will allow us to care for our patients, but also because he served as a shining example of the physicians we hope to become one day.

#### University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine 2020 Awards Ceremony and Dean's Dinner Honorees

With special nominations by the Class of 2020 available at [med.unr.edu/graduation](http://med.unr.edu/graduation).

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# PHYSICIAN'S OATH

I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE TO CONSECRATE MY LIFE TO THE SERVICE OF HUMANITY; I WILL GIVE TO MY TEACHERS THE RESPECT AND GRATITUDE THAT IS THEIR DUE; I WILL PRACTICE MY PROFESSION WITH CONSCIENCE AND DIGNITY; THE HEALTH OF MY PATIENT WILL BE MY FIRST CONSIDERATION; I WILL RESPECT THE SECRETS THAT ARE CONFIDED IN ME, EVEN AFTER THE PATIENT HAS DIED; I WILL MAINTAIN BY ALL THE MEANS IN MY POWER, THE HONOR AND THE NOBLE TRADITIONS OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION; MY COLLEAGUES WILL BE MY SISTERS AND BROTHERS; I WILL NOT PERMIT CONSIDERATIONS OF AGE, DISEASE OR DISABILITY, CREED, ETHNIC ORIGIN, GENDER, NATIONALITY, POLITICAL AFFILIATION, RACE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, SOCIAL STANDING OR ANY OTHER FACTOR TO INTERVENE BETWEEN MY DUTY AND MY PATIENT; I WILL MAINTAIN THE UTMOST RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE; I WILL NOT USE MY MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE TO VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES, EVEN UNDER THREAT; I MAKE THESE PROMISES SOLEMNLY, FREELY AND UPON MY HONOR.



# CLASS OF 2020

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



## *Ryan Eric Allen*

**Residency**  
Family Medicine  
Saint Louis University School of Medicine

**Honorary Hooder**  
Kathy Allen

**Special Thanks**  
Thank you for your support.



## *Brian Allen Bird*

**Residency**  
Medicine – Preliminary  
Ophthalmology  
Eastern Virginia Medical School

**Honorary Hooder**  
Hardeep S. Dhindsa

**Special Thanks**  
Special thanks to Ashley Rubisch Bird for encouraging me to chase my dreams and then making me feel capable and spectacular enough to achieve them. Thanks for being you because it makes me want to be my best me! Thank you to my daughters for being a reservoir of joy. My parents, siblings and in-laws for your support and enthusiasm. Dr. Dhindsa for being an inspiring mentor. My classmates for the good times!



## *Nicholas Tyler Andrew*

**Residency**  
Emergency Medicine  
Loma Linda University

**Honorary Hooder**  
Diana Andrew

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## *Joshua Lee Bryan*

**Residency**  
Orthopaedic Surgery  
Virginia Commonwealth University Health

**Honorary Hooder**  
Gregory Bryan, D.D.S.

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## *Martin J. Azzam*

**Residency**  
Transitional Year  
Sunrise Health Graduate Medical Education  
Consortium - Las Vegas

Dermatology  
University Hospital - University of Missouri

**Honorary Hooder**  
Ihsan A. Azzam

**Special Thanks**  
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## *Nathan Woodbury Camp*

**Residency**  
Medicine – Preliminary  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Medicine  
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation  
Casa Colina Hospital

**Honorary Hooder**  
Jonathan Franz Camp, M.D.

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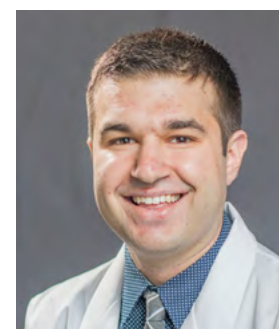


## *Tarra Elizabeth Becher*

**Residency**  
Psychiatry  
University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine

**Honorary Hooder**  
Christopher David Becher

**Special Thanks**  
Chris, you have been here every step of the way – from the day I decided to pursue medical school to the day I am graduating. Thank you for your unwavering support as a husband, best friend and father to our two beautiful, little boys! Thank you to our families who have been by our side celebrating every small milestone that has led up to this day. I couldn't have done it without you!



## *Lorenzo Capannolo*

**Residency**  
Psychiatry  
University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine

**Honorary Hooder**  
Mary Capannolo

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***Patrick A. Cassidy***

**Residency**  
Emergency Medicine  
UC Davis Medical Center

**Honorary Hooder**  
Jody M. Hansen

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***Lauran Evans***

**Residency**  
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UCLA Medical Center

**Honorary Hooder**  
Steven Evans, M.D.

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***Shanthan Challa***

**Honorary Hooder**  
Sravya Challa

**Special Thanks**

Thank you for your support.



***Megan Floyd***

**Residency**  
Anesthesiology  
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center

**Honorary Hooder**  
Jill J. Stutzman

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***Kevin Michael Cleary***

**Residency**  
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**Honorary Hooder**  
James Cleary

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***Misha Fotoohi***

**Residency**  
Family Medicine  
University of Utah Health

**Honorary Hooder**  
Jonathan Fotoohi

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***Neal Kwame Ekpoudia***

**Residency**  
Surgery – Preliminary  
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Sunrise Health Graduate Medical Education Consortium - Las Vegas

**Honorary Hooder**  
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***Jonathan Gevorkian***

**Residency**  
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Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso

**Honorary Hooder**  
Natalie Gevorkian

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### *Natalie Gevorkian*

**Residency**  
Pediatrics  
Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center

**Honorary Hooder**  
Jonathan Gevorkian

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### *Ryan Joseph Hood*

**Residency**  
Anesthesiology  
Baylor College of Medicine

**Honorary Hooder**  
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**Special Thanks**  
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### *Matthew James Gwiazdon*

**Residency**  
Internal Medicine  
University of Utah Health

**Honorary Hooder**  
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### *Nikki Javia*

**Residency**  
Pediatrics  
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**Honorary Hooder**  
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### *Jonathan Habashy*

**Residency**  
Surgery – Preliminary  
Sunrise Health Graduate Medical Education Consortium - Las Vegas

**Honorary Hooder**  
Hosny Habashy, M.D.

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### *Ryan Lonell Johnson*

**Residency**  
Medicine – Preliminary  
University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine

**Honorary Hooder**  
Tracey Johnson

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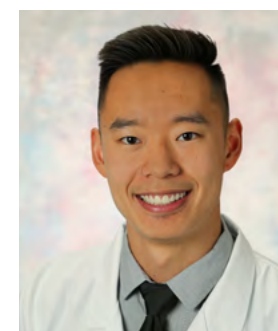


### *Jonathan Lyle Holt*

**Residency**  
Surgery – Preliminary  
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation  
Sunrise Health Graduate Medical Education Consortium - Las Vegas

**Honorary Hooder**  
Brittani Marie Holt

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### *Steven Kim*

**Residency**  
Medicine – Preliminary  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Medicine  
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation  
MetroHealth Medical Center

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## *Clinton Michael Kolseth*

**Honorary Hooder**  
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## *Shane David Marsili*

**Residency**  
Medicine – Preliminary  
Ophthalmology  
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## *Rma Kumra*

**Residency**  
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**Honorary Hooder**  
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## *Tyson Sean Matern*

**Residency**  
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University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics

**Honorary Hooder**  
Lorie Matern

**Special Thanks**

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## *Sharon D. Malwane*

**Residency**  
Pediatrics  
UC Davis Medical Center

**Honorary Hooder**  
Shyama Malwane

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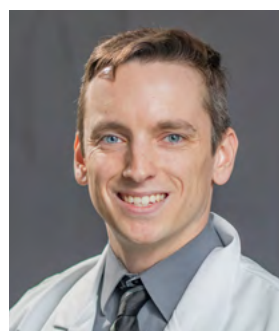
## *Erika Cordero Mauban*

**Residency**  
Obstetrics & Gynecology  
Barnes-Jewish Hospital

**Honorary Hooder**  
Rene Mauban, M.D.

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## *Austin Marett*

**Residency**  
Emergency Medicine/Pediatrics – Emergency Medicine  
Indiana University School of Medicine

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Donna Marett

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## *Rodel Padron Maulit*

**Residency**  
Psychiatry  
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## *Patrick Jason McGuire*

**Honorary Hooder**  
Marissa Cynthia McGuire

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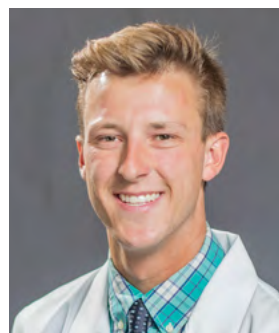
## *Patrick Hugh Mullett*

**Residency**  
Emergency Medicine  
The University of Arizona College of Medicine – South Campus

**Honorary Hooder**  
Conita Mullett

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## *Austin Paul Meng*

**Residency**  
Emergency Medicine  
University of Florida College of Medicine – Jacksonville

**Honorary Hooder**  
Stephen Jackson, M.D.

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## *Madison Elise Murray*

**Residency**  
General Surgery  
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

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## *Trevor Dylan Moravec*

**Residency**  
Neurology  
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

**Honorary Hooder**  
John A. Kincheloe, M.D.

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## *Megan Rachelle Oberbillig*

**Residency**  
Pediatrics  
University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics

**Honorary Hooder**  
Angela Carter

**Special Thanks**

Thank you for your support.



## *Bryn E. Morris*

**Residency**  
Plastic Surgery (Integrated)  
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education – Arizona

**Honorary Hooder**  
Mitzi Miller, M.D.

**Special Thanks**

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## *Kelly O'Connell*

**Residency**  
Transitional Year  
Sunrise Health Graduate Medical Education Consortium - Las Vegas

**Radiology-Diagnostic**  
UC Davis Medical Center

**Honorary Hooder**  
Rion O'Connell, M.D.

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## Venea Tan Omandac

**Residency**  
Anesthesiology  
UC Davis Medical Center

**Honorary Hooder**  
Betty Tan Omandac

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## Nelson Vicente Quezada Jr.

**Residency**  
Anesthesiology  
University of Southern California

**Honorary Hooder**  
Omar Canaday, M.D. R'11

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## Diana Padilla

**Honorary Hooder**  
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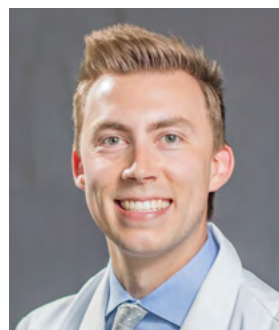
## Jenna Joy Rassuchine

**Residency**  
Emergency Medicine  
UC Davis Medical Center

**Honorary Hooder**  
Brad Rassuchine

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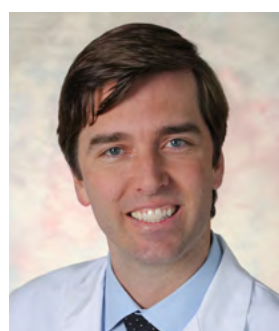
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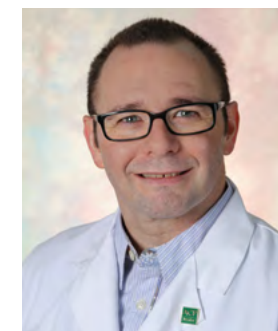
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