

Introduction of Distinction in Health Equity  
and Medical Justice Track Candidates ..... V. Faye Jones, M.D., Ph.D., MSPH  
Professor of Pediatrics  
Associate Vice President for Health Affairs

The Health and Social Justice Scholars Award..... Kiana Fields  
Research Coordinator, Office of Health Equity and Engagement

The Student Community Impact & Service Award .....Sharon Gordon, M.S.  
Program Manager, Office of Community Engagement

The Global Health Service Learning .....Sheridan Langford, M.D., IBCLC  
Leadership Award

The AMWA Glasgow-Rubin Certificates of  
Commendation for Academic Achievement ..... M. Ann Shaw, M.D., M.A.  
Professor of Medicine  
Vice Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education

The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award  
presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation.....Olivia Mittel, M.D., M.S.  
Professor of Pediatrics  
Senior Associate Dean for Medical Student Affairs

The Merck Manual Book Awards.....Matthew D. Adamkin, M.D.  
Associate Professor of Neurological Surgery  
Assistant Dean for Medical Student Affairs

The Tim Lee Carter Award.....Jennifer K. Brueckner-Collins, Ph.D.

The Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics  
Physician Scientist Award .....Steven R. Ellis, Ph.D.  
Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics  
Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education

The Peter K. Knoefel Award .....Brian Ceresa, Ph.D.  
Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology

The American Academy of Neurology Medical Student  
Prize for Excellence in Neurology .....Saad Hasan, M.D.  
Assistant Professor and Clerkship Program Director  
Department of Neurology

The E. Owsley Grant Award for  
Academic Excellence in Urology ..... Uzoma A. Anele, M.D.  
Associate Professor and Residency Program Director  
Department of Urology

The Society for Academic Emergency Medicine  
Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award .....Kahra Nix, M.D.  
Associate Professor, Emergency Medicine

Drs. Arthur and Virginia Keeney Award for Excellence  
in Ophthalmology ..... Christopher J. Compton, M.D.  
Associate Professor of Ophthalmology  
Residency and Fellowship Director - Oculofacial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery

The Morton & Ann Kasdan Plastic Surgery  
Outstanding Student Award ..... Dexter Weeks, M.D.  
Assistant Professor of Plastic Surgery

The Dr. Billy F. Andrews Academic  
Excellence in Pediatrics Award ..... Jennifer Thompson, M.D.  
Associate Clerkship Director, Pediatrics

The Alpha Nu Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Kappa  
Medical Fraternity Award..... Shorye Durrett, M.D.  
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences  
Assistant Dean for Medical Student Affairs

The Dr. Parish B. Cleveland Achievement Award..... Shorye Durrett, M.D.

The Dr. Norvin Green Memorial Prize .....Steven R. Ellis, Ph.D.

The Helene & Walter Zukof, M.D.  
Memorial Scholarship Award ..... Brittney M. Richardson, M.D. CAQSM, FAAFP  
Director of Family and Geriatric Medicine Clerkship  
Assistant Dean for Medical Admissions

The John W. Clarke Memorial Rural  
Primary Care Award ..... Brittney M. Richardson, M.D. CAQSM, FAAFP

The Chloe Coleman Prize .....Timothy Yff, M.D.  
Assistant Director of Medical Student Education  
Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences

The Dr. S. Spafford Ackerly Award .....Timothy Yff, M.D.

The Dr. Ethel Larosa Scholarship Award ..... Robert Waterman  
Advisory Council Chair, Legacy Foundation of Kentuckiana

The Dr. George I. Uhde Award for  
Excellence in Otolaryngology ..... Vicki Owczarzak, M.D.  
Assistant Professor of Pediatric Otolaryngology

The Benjamin M. Rigor, M.D.  
Excellence in Anesthesiology Award ..... Ryan Hogue, M.D.  
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology

The Dr. Morris Newberg Scholarship Award ..... Julianna Brown, M.D.  
Internal Medicine Clerkship Director

The Dr. Samuel S. Gordon Award ..... Justin Jatczak, M.D.  
Instructor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health  
Clerkship Director

The Dr. Stanley A. Gall Award ..... Justin Jatczak, M.D.

The O.J. Hurt, M.D. Award ..... Chad Mathis, M.D.  
 Assistant Professor & Program Director  
 Department of Orthopaedics

The Dr. Presley F. Martin Memorial Award ..... Joseph Lee Holland  
 President, Class of 2025

The Dr. Hiram C. Polk, Jr. Scholarship Award ..... Russell W. Farmer, M.D.  
 Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education  
 Associate Professor, Colon and Rectal Surgery

The Dr. Carl Cooper, Jr. Award ..... Russell W. Farmer, M.D.

The George P. Caldwell Award ..... M. Ann Shaw, M.D., M.A.

The Chief Tutor Award ..... Olivia Mittel, M.D., M.S.

The Student Affairs Award ..... Olivia Mittel, M.D., M.S.

The Dean's Award for Scholarship ..... Jeffrey Bumpous, M.D., F.A.C.S.

The Dean's Award for Leadership ..... Jeffrey Bumpous, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Closing ..... Jeffrey Bumpous, M.D., F.A.C.S.



## SENIOR HONORS CONVOCATION

Friday, May 9, 2025

6:00 pm

Welcome ..... Jeffrey Bumpous, M.D., F.A.C.S.  
 Executive Vice President for Health Affairs  
 Dean of the School of Medicine

Recognition of Academic Honors ..... Jeffrey Bumpous, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Introduction of Alpha Omega Alpha  
 Honor Medical Society Members ..... Sara Petruska, M.D.  
 Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health  
 Associate Dean for Medical Admissions

Introduction of Gold Humanism  
 Honor Society Members ..... Sheridan Langford, M.D., IBCLC  
 Associate Professor of Pediatrics  
 Director of the Global Education Office

Introduction of Distinction in Global & Public Health  
 Track Candidates ..... Sheridan Langford, M.D., IBCLC

Introduction of Distinction in Research  
 Track Candidates ..... Kenneth E. Palmer, Ph.D.  
 Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology  
 Co-Director, Distinction in Research Track

Introduction of Distinction in Business  
 and Leadership Track Candidates ..... In K. Kim, M.D., M.B.A.  
 Professor of Pediatrics  
 Co-Director, Distinction in Business and Leadership Track

Introduction of Distinction in Medical Education  
 Track Candidates ..... Jennifer K. Brueckner-Collins, Ph.D.  
 Professor of Anatomical Sciences & Neurobiology  
 Director, Distinction in Medical Education Track