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CONVOCATION

MAY 7, 2016









Dear Graduates of 2016:

On behalf of President Rosenberg, Provost Furton, and the entire faculty and staff of Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, it is my honor to congratulate you on the completion of your Doctor of Medicine degree. Our faculty and staff have been entrusted with the task of teaching, training, mentoring, and guiding you in becoming physicians, and we share in the excitement you feel on this graduation day.

Graduating from medical school marks the end of the early phase of your medical education. It is a great achievement and an important step in your personal and professional development. As medical students at Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, you have been part of a growing national movement that seeks to address the social determinants of health in medically underserved populations, and you have made a positive impact on the people in the South Florida community.

Graduation day also marks the beginning of subsequent phases of medical education. As you move into residency, fellowships, research, clinical practice, and other academic pursuits, we encourage you to remain connected to the principles of social accountability that are integral to our mission at Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine. Your dedication and hard work have prepared you to be excellent physicians, leaders, and lifelong learners; your commitment to meet the health needs of patients, demonstrate improved health outcomes, and reduce health disparities will lead to transformation in the health of communities around you.

Once again, we congratulate you and wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

John A. Rock, M.D.

John A. Rock, M.D.

Founding Dean and Senior Vice President for Health Affairs Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine

Convocation Program

ACADEMIC PROCESSION Saint Andrew's Pipe Band of Miami

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Associate Dean for Community Engagement

BANNER MARSHAL Jenny Fortun, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Department of Cellular Biology

and Pharmacology

FACULTY MARSHALS Eneida O. Roldan, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A.

Chief Executive Officer, Associate Dean for FIU Health

Cheryl Brewster, Ed.D.

Assistant Dean for Diversity and Inclusion

STUDENT MARSHALS Gagani Athauda, M.D.

Assistant Professor, Department of Cellular Biology

and Pharmacology

Ferdinand Gomez, M.S.

Director, Human Anatomy Teaching Laboratories

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Founding Dean and Senior Vice President for Health Affairs

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER Katryna Lim, M.D., Class of 2016

Danielle Smith, M.D., Class of 2016 Andrew Moses, M.D., Class of 2016 Jeffrey Savin, M.D., Class of 2016

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Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

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Community Director for Green Family Foundation

PRESENTATION OF Luther Brewster, Ph.D.

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NeighborhoodHELP**

TEACHING MEDALLION

PRESENTATION OF SENIOR CLASS GIFT Navid Ajabshir, M.D.

President, Class of 2016

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Associate Dean for Student Affairs

STUDENT ADDRESS Sean Hernandez, M.D.

Class of 2016

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Founding Dean and Senior Vice President for Health Affairs

RECESSIONAL

The History of FIU's Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine

Florida International University (FIU) Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (HWCOM) arose from a community need for access to medical education and a projected critical shortage of physicians in the state and nation. In March 2006, the Florida Board of Governors of the State University System of Florida approved plans to establish a college of medicine at FIU. In May 2006, the state legislature of Florida authorized creation of the new college; immediately thereafter, FIU began to develop an innovative, twenty-first-century approach to health care and medical education. In fall 2006, FIU selected John A. Rock, M.D., MSPH, as Founding Dean and Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs of its new college of medicine.

In April 2007, the college submitted its application for preliminary accreditation to the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). The application described a curriculum that forgoes the traditional pattern of two years of basic science followed by two years of clinical training, and instead integrates clinical training and basic science study throughout the four-year degree program. The program is anchored by competency expectations for core clinical conditions, and includes a formal curriculum in professional development and one-on-one student–physician interaction in a variety of health care settings throughout South Florida. A required research component fosters a spirit of inquiry in students and supports the missions of the college and FIU. The service-learning Green Family Foundation NeighborhoodHELP™ (Health Education Learning Program) fosters cultural competence and interdisciplinary teamwork, immersing medical students and students from other disciplines into select South Florida neighborhoods to advance individual and community health. In 2012, HWCOM launched a NeighborhoodHELP™ Mobile Health Center that provides primary and preventive health care services to members of South Florida communities. The college received preliminary accreditation from the LCME in February 2008, allowing the school to prepare to accept its inaugural class of students in fall 2009.

Since its inception, the college has completed each step of the accreditation process in the shortest time possible, achieving full accreditation from the LCME in February 2013. Yearly student enrollment increased from 43 in 2009 to 120 in 2012, and the college reached its full capacity of 480 students this year. In 2011, the university's faculty group practice, FIU Health, opened on the Modesto A. Maidique Campus to serve the health care needs of the community. HWCOM employs a highly diverse faculty and staff who create learning environments that foster the development of culturally competent students, preparing them to become physicians who improve the quality of patient care.

On March 15, 2013, HWCOM celebrated its first match day; all 33 graduating medical students matched to one of their chosen residencies. On April 29, 2013, convocation ceremonies for the inaugural class marked the culmination of the first full cycle of the Doctor of Medicine degree program at HWCOM.



Herbert Wertheim O.D., D.Sc., M.D. (hc)
Founding Chairman, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine
Trustee Emeritus, Florida International University
Chairman and CEO, Brain Power Incorporated

Dr. Herbert A. Wertheim is an inventor, educator, scientist, eye physician, clinician, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and community leader. Dr. Wertheim's enduring discoveries and contributions in eye care and other scientific fields have touched millions during his forty years of patient care and eye research. He and his research team have been granted more than 100 patents, copyrights, and trademarks.

Dr. Wertheim founded Brain Power Incorporated (BPI) over 40 years ago. BPI is the world's largest manufacturer of ophthalmic instruments and chemicals for eye care professionals and optical laboratories, with extensive research and manufacturing facilities in the U.S. and Europe. For many years he had a clinical practice specializing in Visual Neurology and Optometry at the University Eye and Medical Center in Coral Gables, Florida. Dr. Wertheim was a distinguished lecturer in Physiological Optics and Optometry at the world-renowned Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, and adjunct professor of physics in the graduate program at the University of Miami. He also served as Director of the University of Tennessee Medical School Computer Center, directing more than forty programmers and researchers.

Dr. Wertheim is a graduate of Brevard Community College and the University of Florida, where he studied electrical and computer engineering. He also received a B.S. in optical engineering and a Doctor of Optometry degree from the Southern College of Optometry in association with the University of Tennessee Medical School. Dr. Wertheim was awarded the Doctor of Science, honoris causa, from FIU for his distinguished scientific and clinical discoveries. He has completed post graduate studies at Stanford University, London School of Economics, Northwestern University, Harvard, and IMD in Switzerland. He is also a member of University of Florida Blue Key.

More than 35 years ago, Dr. Wertheim was the first to publicize and stress to eye care professionals the prevention of cataracts and the management of other retinal pathology. He emphasized the fact that UV light was a contributing cause of cataracts and retinal deterioration. Dr. Wertheim's invention of UV-400 absorbers for eyeglasses as well as other discoveries have been beneficial in reducing cataracts and other eye pathologies.

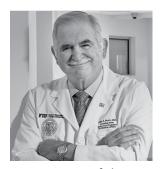
Dr. Wertheim has served as chairman of the Board of Directors and board member of the FIU Foundation from 1988 through 2001. He is a founding member of the FIU Board of Trustees and served as chairman and vice chairman of the university's most successful Capital Campaign, which raised more than \$200 million.

As chairman of FIU's Academic Affairs Committee, he conceived, initiated, and won the approval of the university's trustees for the College of Medicine and was asked to chair the Medical College Initiative. In May 2009, he and the Dr. Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Family Foundation made a \$20 million contribution that became \$40 million with state matching funds to establish multiple endowments. They support student scholarships, research fellows, leadership lectures, medical community advancement, and eight endowed chairs for the College of Medicine. In June 2009, the FIU Board of Trustees named the college the "Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine" in his honor and named him founding chairman of the College of Medicine and trustee emeritus of the university. In 2011 he was awarded the Horatio Alger Distinguished American Medal of Honor for his lifetime accomplishments in business and philanthropy.

The La Jolla Institute of Allergies and Immunology Board elected Dr. Wertheim to serve as a director and research advisor. This will give each institution the ability to benefit from shared educational, research, and clinical knowledge and resources in the future.

Dr. Wertheim has served as chairman of the Dr. Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Family Foundation since 1977. It has supported hundreds of local and international educational, sporting, and community health care organizations around the world with millions of dollars in financial aid grants.

Convocation Speaker



John A. Rock, M.D.

Founding Dean and Senior Vice President for Health Affairs
Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine

John A. Rock, M.D., was appointed Founding Dean and Senior Vice President for Health Affairs at Florida International University (FIU) Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (HWCOM) in 2006. His vision for the newly created college of medicine at FIU has resulted in a twenty-first century approach to health care and medical education that emphasizes social accountability in preparing the

next generation of physicians, scientists, and health care providers.

Under his leadership, HWCOM developed the Green Family Foundation Neighborhood Health Education Learning Program (NeighborhoodHELP™), a service-learning community-outreach initiative in which interdisciplinary teams of FIU medical, physician assistant, nursing, social work, law, and public health students work together to address the complex medical, social, and ethical issues experienced in medically underserved neighborhoods throughout South Florida. The U.S. Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion has praised NeighborhoodHELP™ for taking "a determinants-of-health approach to improving health and health outcomes." Additionally, the Liaison Committee on Medical Education—the authority for accreditation of medical education programs leading to the M.D. degree—lauded NeighborhoodHELP™ as "a model for providing medical students with the opportunity to experience the interface of societal problems with medical care and to impact community health."

Prior to his appointment at FIU, Dr. Rock held numerous academic and administrative appointments, including former director of the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, chairman and director of residency training programs in the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics at Emory University School of Medicine, and chancellor and professor of obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, and public health at Louisiana State University (LSU) Health Sciences Center.

While at Emory University, Dr. Rock raised the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology's National Institutes of Health ranking from 66th in the nation to 18th. At LSU, he established a School of Public Health, significantly increased the medical school's research funding, provided disaster management leadership during Hurricane Katrina, and had management oversight of Louisiana's statewide Charity Hospital System.

Dr. Rock is recognized as an outstanding reconstructive surgeon whose research focuses on the pathophysiology of endometriosis and use of randomized clinical trials to determine efficacy of surgical reconstructive procedures and medical therapies. He was the first to recognize and describe the presence of microscopic endometriosis, which was the basis for introduction of new therapies for this complex disease.

Green Family Foundation NeighborhoodHELP™ Community Service Teaching Medallion

This medallion recognizes a community member who is instrumental in furthering Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine's mission to produce socially responsible physicians and promote healthy communities through engaging in local neighborhoods.

The NeighborhooodHELPTM household member presented with this medallion exhibits the improvement of the household learning experience, supports community engaged research, and helps develop community-driven service opportunities, three core elements that promote an environment for scholarship in the community setting.



Ms. Manolina Sosa

The 2016 inaugural recipient, Ms. Manolina Sosa, emerged as the premier candidate for her tireless involvement and effort in embodying the ideal NeighborhoodHELP™ household member and mentor to Dr. Ariel Moses and Dr. Manju Korattiyil.

Manolina was enrolled as one of the first NeighborhoodHELP™ households in 2010. She participated in the recruitment and enrollment of additional families for the program, personally referring several families and explaining the program in detail prior to any contact from Herbert Wertheim College of

Medicine. Shortly afterwards, the first student training video was recorded in her home with her participation in the planning and recording. She has participated in countless media opportunities to share her support for the program.

As a founding member of the NeighborhoodHELP™ Community Advisory Team, Manolina participated in the community review and recruitment of the benchmark assessment survey. She was one of the initial drivers of the "How to Become a Health Professional" Wertheim Conference, an idea conceived by Dr. Cheryl Holder and the community advisory team to address the community's desire to help their children understand the process of becoming a health professional. Manolina works hand-in-hand with the NeighborhoodHELP™ team to plan and implement the events each year.

Manolina continues to be a vital member to the success and growth of the Green Family Foundation NeighborhoodHELP™. We thank Manolina for her dedication and mentorship to students, and congratulate her on receiving this prestigious honor.

Senior Class Gift Dedication of the AHC2 Seating Area





The FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine would like to present our Executive Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and Assistant Vice President for Strategic Development, Dr. J. Patrick O'Leary, with this year's class gift: the AHC2 Seating Area. Throughout the past four years, we have come to know Dr. O'Leary as an approachable leader, someone students can sit and have a conversation with. He has also played an instrumental role in launching and establishing our College of Medicine. As the fourth graduating class, and first full class at the College of Medicine, we are invested in promoting the stability and the well-being of students in our ever-changing environment. Our intention is to offer an area for students to build bonds and share memories of the "ups and downs" that naturally occur throughout medical school. The location of our gift is one of refuge, where students often gather to decompress, for instance, after an arduous exam. It is indeed unfortunate that Dr. O'Leary will be retiring at the end of this year. Our hope is that this gift will serve as a functional symbol to honor and remind future classes of his efforts.

The FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine AHC2 Seating Area is located immediately outside the entrance to the Academic Health Center Building 2, which houses the majority of the facilities of the College of Medicine. At the time of this publication, the area was not yet developed. We have stock photographs of the bench and planter that will define the area. The bench was designed by Kipp Steward in the Arcata style. The matching Rosa planter that will rest beside the bench is 13" tall and 42" in diameter. Mounted on the bench's backrest is a stainless steel etched plaque that reads:

Dedicated to Dr. J. Patrick O' Leary

For his commitment and guidance to the students of the HWCOM.

- The Graduating Class of 2016

We proudly present the FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine AHC2 Seating Area to Dr. O'Leary and the faculty of the College of Medicine with immense gratitude for their dedication to our education and training.

Class of 2016 Graduates



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University of Miami, BS in Neuroscience



Aws Al-Abdullah, M.D. Emergency Medicine UCLA Medical Center Los Angeles, CA

University of California – Berkeley, BS in Bioengineering



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Florida International University, Master of Science Florida International University, BA in Chemistry, BS in Biology



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University of Maryland Medical Center –
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Radiology - Diagnostic Pennsylvania Hospital Philadelphia, PA Virginia Commonwealth University, MS in Biology. George Mason University, BS in Biology



Greenville, NC

Robert David Allman, M.D. General Surgery Vidant Medical Center – East Carolina University

University of Central Florida, BS in Molecular Biology and Microbiology



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University of Miami, BS in Neuroscience



Alexandria Claudina Alvarez, M.D. Psychiatry Jackson Memorial Hospital Miami, FL

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Pomona College, BA in Biology



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Florida State University, BS in Exercise Science



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University of Florida, BS in Psychology



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Florida International University, BS in Biology



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Florida International University, BS in Biology



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Florida International University, BA in Chemistry



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University of Miami, BS in Psychology

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Emory University, BS in Biology



Alexander Abel Daoud, M.D. Medicine – Preliminary Hofstra NSLII School of Medicine -Lenox Hill Hospital New York, NY

Dermatology Stony Brook Teaching Hospital Stony Brook, NY Emory University, BS in Biology and BA in English



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Colorado College, BA in Neuroscience



Hanns Frimpong, M.D. Surgery – Preliminary University of Chicago Medical Center Chicago, IL

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Radiology – Diagnostic UC Davis Medical Center Sacramento, CA University of California - Los Angeles, BS in Biology



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Wake Forest University, BA in Religion



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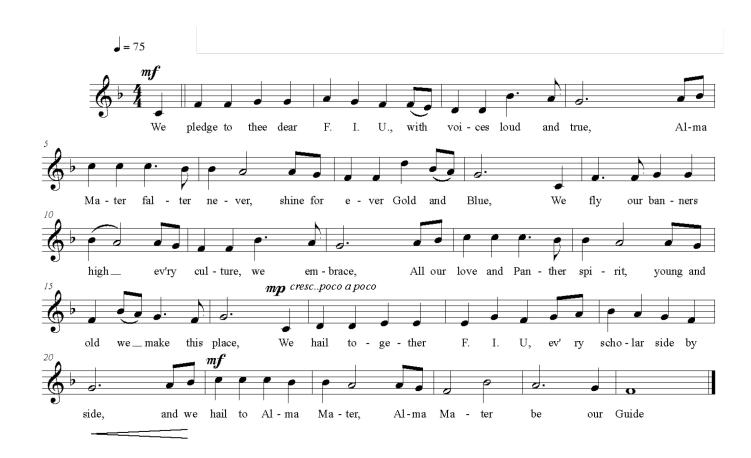
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