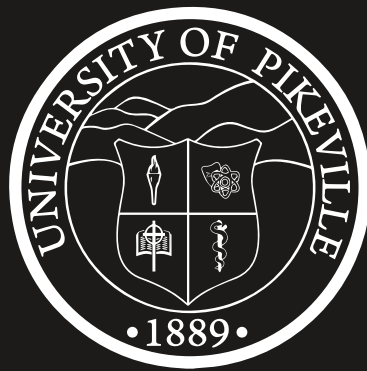


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Kentucky College of Optometry
Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine

Class of 2020

May 2, 2020

UNIVERSITY OF PIKEVILLE

Kentucky College of Optometry
Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine

Class of 2020 Commencement

Saturday, May 2, 2020

Order of Ceremony

Welcome Burton J. Webb, Ph.D.
President, University of Pikeville

Invocation Mark T. Dean
Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine, Class of 2020

Introductions Lori Werth, Ph.D.
Provost, University of Pikeville

Dean's Remarks

Michael Bacigalupi, O.D., M.S., FAAO, FNAP
Dean, Kentucky College of Optometry

Dana C. Shaffer, D.O., FACOFP *dist*, FAOGME
Dean, Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine

Introduction of Commencement Speaker Dr. Werth

Commencement Address Steven J. Stack, M.D., MBA, FACEP
Commissioner, Department for Public Health Commonwealth of Kentucky

Conferring of Honorary Degree President Webb
Steven J. Stack, *Doctor of Laws*

Conferring of KYCOM Faculty Emeriti Dr. Shaffer

Presentation of Degree Candidates

Administration of Oath

Tyler R. Hudson, O.D.
President of the Kentucky Optometric Association

Samantha Olzeski, D.O.
*President Elect, Kentucky Osteopathic
Medical Association
KYCOM Class of 2008*

Presentation of Classes Terry L. Dotson
Chairman, University of Pikeville Board of Trustees

Class Representatives

Shelby Henderson
Kentucky College of Optometry, Class of 2020

Jay A. Patel
Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine, Class of 2020

"My Old Kentucky Home" Kelsea Webb, M.A.
Lyric Opera of Chicago

Benediction Zachary Walters
Kentucky College of Optometry, Class of 2020

Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient

Steven J. Stack, M.D., MBA, FAEP

For more than 20 years, Dr. Stack has been a leader in the medical profession. He has served on boards of directors and in senior leadership roles for numerous geographic and specialty medical societies. In 2006, he was the first emergency physician ever elected to the American Medical Association (AMA) board of trustees, subsequently serving as board chair and in 2015-2016 as the AMA's youngest president since 1854.

Dr. Stack has served as medical director of multiple emergency departments, including St. Joseph East (Lexington), St. Joseph Mt. Sterling (rural Eastern Kentucky), and Baptist Memorial Hospital (Memphis, Tenn.). He has more than 18 years of emergency medicine administrative and clinical practice experience in Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee.

In 2018, Dr. Stack joined The University of Tennessee Haslam College of Business as adjunct professor. In this role, he lectures on healthcare policy and the mechanics of advocacy to physicians in the Physician Executive MBA (PEMBA) program as well as to both physician and non-physician healthcare leaders enrolled in executive education programs.

Dr. Stack has focused experience in health information technology (IT). A nationally-recognized advocate, he bridges bedside care with governmental policy and has served on numerous federal advisory committees for the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) from 2010-2016. Additionally, he served from 2012-2016 as board member and secretary of eHealth Initiative, a Washington, D.C.-based non-profit association improving healthcare through the advancement of health IT. His other areas of expertise include emergency department and hospital management, health system reform, physician licensure and regulation, and healthcare anti-trust issues.

Dr. Stack has extensive experience in policymaking and advocacy at federal, state, and county levels before legislative bodies and executive branch regulatory agencies. He is also a skilled public spokesperson and longtime advocate for universal access to affordable and high-quality healthcare.

Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Stack graduated magna cum laude from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., where he was a Henry Bean Scholar for classical studies. He then returned to Ohio to complete medical school and emergency medicine residency at The Ohio State University before moving to Memphis to begin his clinical practice. In 2006, Dr. Stack and his family relocated to Lexington and in December 2017, he completed his MBA at UT Knoxville Haslam College of Business.

Dr. Stack is married and the proud father of one daughter. His wife, Tracie, is an M.D., Ph.D. and practicing board-certified allergy/asthma/immunology specialist. In his leisure time, Dr. Stack enjoys the study of classical Greek and Roman history, United States presidential history, photography, and traveling with his wife and daughter.

Kentucky College of Optometry

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Optometric Oath

With full deliberation I freely and solemnly pledge that:

I AFFIRM that the health of my patient will be my first consideration.

I WILL practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously, and to the fullest scope of my competence.

I WILL uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standards, ethics and ideals of my chosen profession and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.

I WILL provide professional care for those who seek my services, with concern, with compassion and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.

I WILL place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack for proper care.

I WILL hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.

I WILL advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain or enhance their vision and general health.

I WILL strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.

I WILL share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow optometrists and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.

I WILL do my utmost to serve my community, my country and humankind as a citizen as well as an optometrist.

I HEREBY commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this my solemn oath and obligation.

2020 Candidates for the Degree

DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY

Thomas Gerald Abell III
Campbellsville, Kentucky

Hana Gabriella Arencibia
Hiawassee, Georgia

Christopher J. Bertke
Crestview Hills, Kentucky

Taylor Gaddis Brewer
Owensboro, Kentucky

William C. Brice
College Station, Texas

Sarah Catherine Buchanan
Glade Spring, Virginia

Corri Grace Collins
Stanton, Kentucky

Morgan B. Curry
Pikeville, Kentucky

Charles Jordan Davidson
Hazard, Kentucky

Amber Nicole Dawson
Lexington, Kentucky

Olivia Anne DeWard
Stickney, South Dakota

Alexander G. Donovan
Omaha, Nebraska

Hannah Leigh Ellis
Benton, Kentucky

Nicole LeeAnn Flowers
Cleveland, Tennessee

Kyle Patrick Fluharty
Willard, Ohio

Brett David Freitag
Lake in the Hills, Illinois

William Dane Fritts
Mount Sterling, Kentucky

Tyler David Fruth
Mt. Sterling, Kentucky

Madison Abbey Gallian
Clendenin, West Virginia

Jacob M. Goeser
Council Bluffs, Iowa

Sarah E. Heath
New Cumberland, West Virginia

Shelby Nicole Henderson
Lexington, Kentucky

Sara Elizabeth Hillerbrand
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Julie H. Huleis
Silver Spring, Maryland

Jill M. Kalis
Waseca, Minnesota

Bonnie Elizabeth Keaton
Bogalusa, Louisiana

Garrett S. Kee
Grayson, Kentucky

Fisayo Sade Kehinde
Baltimore, Maryland

Elyse Ellyson Kohl
Lincoln, Nebraska

Brent Michael Kramer
Greenfield, Indiana

2020 Candidates for the Degree

DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY

Jennifer Lynn Krueger
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Kristen M. Lantz
Van Wert, Ohio

Corey Thomas Leach
Asbland, Kentucky

Maivys H. Longa
Miami, Florida

Mary Elizabeth Raynor Massengill
Benson, North Carolina

Nattali Nicole Masson
McAlester, Oklahoma

Aaron Mullins
Elkhorn City, Kentucky

Howard Jacob Murphy
Macon, Georgia

Nitya Murthy
Miramar, Florida

Rachel M. Musson
Rifle, Colorado

Jarrood Lee Napier
Hazard, Kentucky

Ali H. Nasrallah
Dearborn, Michigan

Mark E. Nordin
Paintsville, Kentucky

Jeremy Lee Penn
Cortland, Ohio

Haley Nicole Rambo
Salem, Illinois

Emily C. Raynor
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Jacob Payne Riggins
Man, West Virginia

Andrea Michelle Sandifer
Georgetown, Indiana

Marquavia Sha'Mia Stinson
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Carrie Beth Stoelting
Cherokee, Iowa

C. Madison Tackett
Grayson, Kentucky

Jessica DeShae Thompson
Hindman, Kentucky

Meredith Caton Tillman
Andalusia, Alabama

McKenzie Rae VanDyke
Vansant, Virginia

Chelsea R Vernaci
Rochester Hills, Michigan

Zachary T. Walters
Pikeville, Kentucky

Whitney DeAnna Weber
Lake City, South Carolina

Jacob Russell Webster
McMinnville, Tennessee

Robert Travis Whitlow
Glasgow, Kentucky

Cam McKay Wiehe
Dothan, Alabama

Joseph Wade Wilson
Tompkinsville, Kentucky

2020 Kentucky College of Optometry Awards

DEAN'S AWARD

Sara Hillerbrand

Presented to a graduating student who has shown outstanding leadership while maintaining high academic standards.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Shelby Henderson

Presented to the Class of 2020 Valedictorian.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' AWARD

Jacob Riggins

Presented to a graduating senior who earned the highest score on Part One of the National Boards.

DR. MICHAEL AND KELLY BACIGALUPI FAMILY AWARD FOR ADVANCED THERAPEUTICS

Zachary Walters

Presented to a graduating student who has demonstrated special interest and skill in the area of advanced therapeutics and laser treatment by optometrists.

IBIRONKE FAMILY LEGACY & LEADERSHIP AWARD

Kristen Lantz

*Instituted in 2020 by Josephine Owoeye, O.D., MPH in honor of her parents, children and siblings.
Presented to a graduate who consistently exemplifies discipline, empathy, dedication and humility in service to all patients.*

DR. RONALD MCCOY COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Travis Whitlow

Presented to a graduating student who exemplifies Dr. Ronald McCoy's commitment to community service.

ALCON 4TH YEAR OPTOMETRY STUDENT 2020 CASE REPORT AWARD

Nitya Murthy

Presented to the graduating student whose case report was chosen by the awards committee.

BETA SIGMA KAPPA HIGHEST GRADE POINT AVERAGE AWARD

Shelby Henderson

*Presented to the graduating student with the highest grade point average.
Beta Sigma Kappa members will also receive cords for commencement.*

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRISTS IN VISION DEVELOPMENT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Kristen Lantz

Presented to a graduating student who has demonstrated strong interest and clinical skills in the area of vision therapy.

ESCHENBACH LOW VISION STUDENT AWARD

Madison Gallian

Presented to a graduating student who has demonstrated outstanding clinical application of low vision.

CONTACT LENS CLINIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

Sarah Heath

Presented to a graduating student for outstanding enthusiasm and achievement with gas permeable contact lenses in the clinical environment. Sponsored by the Gas Permeable Lens Institute.

GOOD-LITE PEDIATRIC VISION CARE AWARD

Amber Dawson

Presented to a graduating student who has demonstrated a high passion and excellence in pediatrics and binocular vision.

HOYA SENIOR AWARD FOR OPHTHALMIC OPTICS

Thomas Abell

Presented to a graduating senior who is in good academic standing and excels in ophthalmic optics.

HOYA SENIOR AWARD FOR OPTICAL DISPENSING

Emily Raynor

Presented to a graduating senior who is in good academic standing and excels in optical dispensing.

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN CONTACT LENS PATIENT CARE

Nitya Murthy

Award recognizes an outstanding graduate clinician who has demonstrated excellence in contact lens patient care during their optometric education. Sponsored by Johnson & Johnson.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY AWARD

Zachary Walters

Presented to a graduating student who is most passionate and committed to the excellence of eye care in Eastern Kentucky. Sponsored by the Kentucky Center for Oculoplastic and Aesthetic Skin Care.

OUTSTANDING EXTERN AT MARION EYE CENTERS

Haley Rambo

Presented to the outstanding extern at Marion Eye Centers.

METRO OPTICS EXCELLENCE IN CONTACT LENS PATIENT CARE AWARD

Sara Hillerbrand

Presented to an outstanding graduate clinician who has demonstrated excellence in contact lens patient care, including the student's overall knowledge in the contact lens field and skillful, considerate and professional care of his/her contact lens patients.

METRO OPTICS EXCELLENCE IN CONTACT LENS SKILLS

Julie Huleis

Presented to a graduating student who has shown exceptional skills in the fitting of gas permeable and specialty contact lenses.

NATIONAL VISION SENIOR AWARD

McKenzie VanDyke

Presented to the graduating student who has a grade point average of at least 3.25 and demonstrated service throughout their schooling through outreach programs offered by the school or through other avenues.

PIONEER INTERNATIONAL SENIOR LEADERSHIP AWARD

Jacob Webster

Presented to a graduating student who has helped pave the way for not only their classmates and schoolmates, but also the incoming students.

PIONEER INTERNATIONAL SENIOR EXCELLENCE AWARD

Jarrold Napier

Presented to a graduating student who has shown excellence in care, compassion, and consideration for not only their patients, but also for the field of optometry.

VSP GLOBAL PRIVATE PRACTICE AWARD

Mary Beth Massengill

Presented to a graduating student based on academic achievement, clinical and patient care, and leadership qualities with a special focus on private practice.

Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine

CLASS OF 2020



Osteopathic Oath

I do hereby affirm my loyalty to the profession I am about to enter.

I will be mindful always of my great responsibility to preserve the health and the life of my patients, to retain their confidence and respect both as a physician and a friend who will guard their secrets with scrupulous honor and fidelity, to perform faithfully my professional duties, to employ only those recognized methods of treatment consistent with good judgment and with my skill and ability, keeping in mind always nature's laws and the body's inherent capacity for recovery.

I will be ever vigilant in aiding in the general welfare of the community, sustaining its laws and institutions, not engaging in those practices which will in any way bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession. I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person, though it may be asked of me.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues in a spirit of progressive cooperation and never by word or by act cast imputations upon them or their rightful practices.

I will look with respect and esteem upon all those who have taught me my art. To my college I will be loyal and strive always for its best interests and for the interests of the students who will come after me.

I will be ever alert to further the application of basic biologic truths to the healing arts and to develop the principles of osteopathy which were first enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.

2020 Candidates for the Degree

DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

David Pothén Abraham
Chesterfield, Virginia

Austin Hunter Allen
Grayson, Kentucky

Muhammad Talha Amjad
Woodbridge, Virginia

Madeline Joy Anderson
Onalaska, Wisconsin

Mara Rushe Piechowski Arterburn
Lexington, Kentucky

Veena Aswath
Danville, Virginia

Maison Austin
Lexington, Kentucky

Sean T. Beattie
Lexington, Kentucky

Kathryn Anne Becker
Cincinnati, Ohio

Xaverie Lene Benedict
Lemont, Illinois

Taylor G. Billings
Henderson, Kentucky

Kory Nathaniel Brinker
Pikeville, Kentucky

Kristen Michelle Bublitz
Orlando, Florida

Alyson Christine Bundy
Carmel, Indiana

Kelsey Marshall Carr
Ashland, Kentucky

Pranitha Chekka
Novi, Michigan

Aaron YaoYuan Chen
Atlanta, Georgia

Jordan Cecil Childers
Beattyville, Kentucky

Amy Elizabeth Clark
Indianapolis, Indiana

Alyssa Noell Conley
Ashland, Kentucky

Olivia Breeann Cox
Ashland, Kentucky

Henry Nathan Curry
Ocala, Florida

Anmar Dalati
West Bloomfield, Michigan

Anirudh Reddy Damughatla
Dublin, Ohio

Stephanie Lee Davenport
Seymour, Indiana

Zachary Stone Davis
Hindman, Kentucky

Mark Thomas Dean
Winfield, Illinois

Peter J. Dehazya
Valley Stream, New York

Mackenzie Perkins Denton
Hopkinsville, Kentucky

Luboslav Rosen Dimitrov
Indianapolis, Indiana

2020 Candidates for the Degree

DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

David Joseph Doud
Marshall, Michigan

Alyssa Gail Elswick
Grayson, Kentucky

Nazaneen Farahani
Norwalk, California

Zainab Azam Farooqui
Lexington, Kentucky

Kevin Patrick Feeley
Chicago, Illinois

Garett Charles Francis
Belfry, Kentucky

M'Kayla Nicole Francis
Belfry, Kentucky

Laura Marie Fulkerson
Elizabethtown, Kentucky

Shannon Fujiko Garrison
Fresno, California

Aylissa Victoria Gilbert
Fairmount, Georgia

Damanjeet Singh Gill
Palmira, Pennsylvania

Mark Gjurashaj
Palm Harbor, Florida

Brian Robert Goodman
Elizabethtown, Kentucky

Tyler Joshua Guidugli
Covington, Kentucky

Ashley Carolyn Gullixson
Murray, Kentucky

Jessica S. Gurning
Redlands, California

Dominic Jamil Haddad
Slinger, Wisconsin

Louis Robert Hahn
Bellbrook, Ohio

Anahit Hamazaspyan
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Amber Dale Hartman
Arnold, Missouri

Abigail Haley Hatfield
Richmond, Kentucky

Kayla Michelle Hazlett
London, Ohio

Kyle Adam Hazlett
Galloway, Ohio

Casper Joseph Hepler
Edinboro, Pennsylvania

Jacob Hamblin Hill
Columbus, Indiana

George Aaron Hudson
Charleston, Illinois

Hayley Edlyn Hudson
Carbondale, Illinois

Amanda Lee Huggett
Pueblo, Colorado

Stefan S. Iverson
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Anita Chara Iyer
Ashland, Kentucky

Kinaan F. Javed
San Diego, California

2020 Candidates for the Degree

DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Amanda Gabrielle Jeffries
Bardstown, Kentucky

Stephanie Patricia Jones
Graham, Washington

Tarun Kakumanu
Elkridge, Maryland

Derek Allan Keller
Grayson, Kentucky

Ivan Christopher Krpan
Murphys, California

Logan Eugene Lucas
Jenkins, Kentucky

Emily Marie Lunn
Erlanger, Kentucky

Sean Ly
Prestonsburg, Kentucky

Theresa Nicole Maitz
Doylestown, Pennsylvania

Sarah Michelle McClanahan
Mount Sterling, Kentucky

Whitley P. McIntosh
Booneville, Kentucky

Caylan Dean McPherson
Tompkinsville, Kentucky

Jacob Lucian Meredith
Louisville, Kentucky

Emily Ann Messick
Columbus, Ohio

Zachary James Miller
New Lenox, Illinois

Yusra Fatima Mohammed
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Hannah Hayduk Morales
Kutztown, Pennsylvania

Kimberly Nicole Mosley
Melvin, Kentucky

Yasaman Mossadad
Vienna, Virginia

Derek Duane Mounsey
Centerville, Indiana

Mohamed Musheinessh
Bloomfield, Michigan

Vivek Nadipalli
Ashburn, Virginia

Ellen Marie Neumann
Cincinnati, Ohio

Tam Hoang Ngo
San José, California

Mary Mai Nguy
Irvine, California

Salwa Amin Nubani
Ramallah, Palestine

Rebecca Kendall Oliver
Morehead, Kentucky

Zachary Taylor Orme
Firth, Idaho

Justin Lynn Orren
Fort Worth, Texas

Abby Elizabeth Osborne
Cincinnati, Ohio

Steven Michael Paris
Fort Wayne, Indiana

2020 Candidates for the Degree

DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Akruti Girish Patel
Lexington, Kentucky

Anup Patel
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Jay A. Patel
Naperville, Illinois

Vandan Kamlesh Patel
Dundee, Florida

Michael Sullivan Popson
Springboro, Ohio

Sofia Andreevna Quiroza
Kinnelon, New Jersey

Saadia Halima Qureshi
Lexington, Kentucky

Joshua Michael Raven
Grayslake, Illinois

Kylie Shea Rice
Russell, Kentucky

Carson P. Roberts
Goshen, Indiana

Madison W. Ross
Murray, Kentucky

Michael Saval
Columbia, Maryland

Christen Mae Scaggs
Dallas, Texas

Kimberly Sue Selwood
Dorchester, New Jersey

Kara Ann Shafer
Springfield, Illinois

Parth Rikesh Shah
Morton Grove, Illinois

Charles Clay Shelton
Lexington, Kentucky

Elizabeth Ashley Simmons
Columbus, Ohio

Surya Pratap Singh
Mount Sterling, Kentucky

Emily Alexandra Smallwood
Dorton, Kentucky

Forrest K. Smith
Hazard, Kentucky

Sye Matthew Speth
North Ogden, Utah

Julianne Carroll Spiros
St. Louis, Missouri

Ryan Michael Stefancik
Richmond Heights, Ohio

Joseph Turner Stevens
Windham, Maine

Natalie Anne Torrente
Miami, Florida

Nam Tran
Westminster, California

Marisa N. Wallas
New Castle, Pennsylvania

Kurtis Wayne Wilson
Lebanon, Indiana

Jordan Edward Wong
Raleigh, North Carolina

Noor Zayed
North Olmsted, Ohio

2020 Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine Awards

DEAN'S AWARD

Mark T. Dean

Awarded to the student whose leadership, humanity and loyalty to the profession exemplify the ideals, mission and goals of Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Emily A. Messick

Presented to the student who has demonstrated clinical excellence, earning the highest average score on clinical rotations.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' AWARD

Ashley C. Gullixson

Awarded for academic excellence to the student earning the highest grade point average during the first two years of medical school.

JOHN A. STROSNIDER, D.O., MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Stephanie P. Jones

Presented to a KYCOM graduate who exemplifies Dr. Strosnider's commitment to family medicine and his love and dedication to osteopathic medicine and the osteopathic profession.

STEPHEN M. PAYSON, M.S., MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Kimberly N. Mosley

Presented to a KYCOM graduate from the Appalachian region who exemplifies Mr. Payson's commitment to the mission of KYCOM and the promotion of the osteopathic profession.

BOYD R. BUSER, D.O. EXCELLENCE AWARD

Rebecca K. Oliver

Awarded for overall excellence in academics and service.

DONNA JONES MORITSUGU AWARD

Mikaela Curry

Awarded to the spouse of a graduating student who best exemplifies the role of a professional's partner, in being a person in his or her own right, while being supportive of mate, family and profession.

JAMES E. CAMPBELL, D.O., AWARD

Logan E. Lucas

Presented by the James E. Campbell Education Fund to a deserving Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine graduate from the Appalachian region of Kentucky.

STUDENT D.O. OF THE YEAR

Ashley C. Gullixson

Presented by the Council of Student Government Presidents, each school presents this award to the student who best exemplifies the ideal qualities of an osteopathic medical student. The award is generally based on service to the school, the community and/or osteopathic medicine.

MR. DHARAM PAL KASHYAP AWARD

Joshua M. Raven

*Instituted in 2001 by Seema Sachdeva, M.D., in memory of her father
for excellence in pediatrics and commitment to lifelong caring for children.*

MR. SWADESH KASHYAP MEMORIAL AWARD

Ashley C. Gullixson

*Instituted in 2020 by Seema Sachdeva, M.D., in memory of her mother.
Awarded to the student with the highest score in the didactic pediatrics course.*

KYCOM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD

Jay A. Patel

*Awarded to the graduating student who has shown strong involvement both at KYCOM and in the
community and has committed to remaining involved with KYCOM through the alumni association.*

EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AWARD

Joshua M. Raven

*Selected by KYCOM's research faculty.
Awarded to a KYCOM graduate for excellence in research.*

EXCELLENCE IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE AWARD

Maison Austin

*Sponsored by the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine.
Awarded for excellence in emergency medicine.*

THE MERCK MANUAL AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Mara R. Piechowski Arterburn

Tyler J. Guidugli

Vivek Nadipalli

Sponsored by Merck & Company, Inc., to recognize scholastic achievement in medical education.

RAM'S HEAD AWARD

Mara R. Piechowski Arterburn

Shannon F. Garrison

Stephanie P. Jones

Kathryn A. Becker

*Presented for Fellowship Program in recognition of outstanding
achievements in Osteopathic Principles and Practices.*

CLINICAL MEDICAL EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Cassandra Garrett, D.O.

*Presented to the clinical preceptor who has served with distinction in and dedication to medical
education for the students of Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine.*

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Associate Professor of Optometry

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History & Mission

Pikeville College was established in 1889 as an outreach of the Presbyterian Church after an extensive survey of the religious and educational needs of Eastern Kentucky. An 1887 scouting party, which included Dr. W. C. Condit, Rev. Samuel B. Alderson and Rev. James P. Hendrick, set forth, in Condit's words, to "select the location for an institution of higher learning for the youth of the mountains."

September 16, 1889, was the first day of class at Pikeville Collegiate Institute, located in a four-room brick building situated on three acres of land in Pikeville, Ky. It functioned as both school and church and was not originally intended to confer degrees, but to give "good practical education to those persons who pursue its courses." At that time, the institute offered schoolwork in primary, preparatory and "college" departments.

In 1909, the structure of the school changed and the articles of incorporation were amended to make Pikeville College a chartered college, empowered by the state of Kentucky to offer four years of college work and confer baccalaureate degrees. The school maintained its commitment to primary and secondary education by sustaining the Pikeville Collegiate Academy for grades 1-12. Pikeville College admitted its first college freshman class in 1916, adding the final two years of college in 1955. The first baccalaureate graduation was held in 1957, a year that also marked the closing of the Pikeville Collegiate Academy.

Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine opened its doors on September 8, 1997, as the 19th osteopathic medical school in the country. The school was the dream of Paintsville attorney G. Chad Perry III, a visionary whose generosity and perseverance paved the way for a new generation of doctors to provide primary care in medically underserved areas in Eastern Kentucky and Appalachia. On May 12, 2001, these medical students were the first at Pikeville College to receive the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree.

The Pikeville College Board of Trustees authorized the creation of the institution's first master's degree program, a Master of Business Administration (MBA), in 2011. At the time, the board acknowledged that the college, by definition of the programs offered, was a university. On July 1, 2011, Pikeville College officially became the University of Pikeville, also known as UPIKE.

As part of the plan for growth, the university was reorganized into two schools – the College of Arts and Sciences and the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine. The inaugural MBA class, the first to earn master's degrees from the institution, graduated in 2013. The Coleman College of Business was also established in 2013, named in honor of Trustee Emeritus Burlin Coleman, a business leader who spent more than 50 years developing the banking industry in Eastern Kentucky, and his wife, Jean Coleman, a Pikeville College alumna and retired educator.

In 2014, the university announced the Kentucky College of Optometry, a mission-focused strategic initiative to provide for the underserved in Central Appalachia and other rural areas of the country. Considered the "birthplace of rural optometry," the school is the first in Kentucky and the 22nd in the nation. On May 2, 2020, these students are the first at the University of Pikeville to receive the Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) degree.

The Patton College of Education was established in 2015, named in honor of Kentucky's 59th governor, Paul E. Patton, who has been recognized as a national leader in education policy. As UPIKE's president from 2009-2013, Patton led the historic transition from college to university status and currently serves as chancellor.

This year's commencement is a culmination of 130 years of service. Like those before us, we are caretakers of this great institution, committed to advancing the University of Pikeville in a purposeful way, one that honors the founding promise to educate the youth of the mountains.

Academic Regalia

Those who don academic regalia join a long procession of capped and gowned scholars reaching back in time over eight centuries. In 1895, a group of American colleges and universities standardized the academic regalia and developed a code of academic dress. Today, academic attire indicates by style and adornment the highest degree earned, the major field of study and the college or university attended by the wearer. The modern dress consists of a gown, headpiece and hood.

Originally thought to be worn against the chill and dampness, the gown identifies holders of a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree by the type of gown worn as well as by the hood. The bachelor's gown has long sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. The master's gown has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist. The rear part of the oblong sleeve is square cut and the front has an arc cutaway. The gown may be worn open or closed. The gown for the doctoral degree has bell-shaped sleeves. Like the master's gown, it may be worn open or closed. The doctoral gown is faced down the front with black velvet with three bars of the same across the sleeves.

The headpiece, always black and of either the soft or mortarboard style, attests to the dignity of the wearer and the responsibility for maintaining the highest ethical standards. The tassel, worn with the cap, has three variations: black; gold, restricted to doctors and governing officials of the institution; or the color of the discipline in which the degree was granted.

It is the hood that adds meaning to the academic regalia. Changed little since the Middle Ages, the hood is worn falling from the shoulders down the back of the gown in a display of color. It is edged in velvet, which by its color denotes the discipline in which the wearer's degree was earned. Green, the color of life and growth, represents medicine. It is lined in one or two colors of silk, which represent the college or university from which the degree was awarded. Black and orange are the colors of the University of Pikeville.

Mace

The ceremonial mace has origins dating to the Middle Ages when the bodyguards of kings used a mace as an element of protection. Gradually, universities adopted the use of a mace to signify the right of the academic institution to grant degrees to graduates.

Our mace was designed by faculty and students at Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine, now the University of Pikeville-Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine, and created by master carver and retired Presbyterian minister Jerry Cooper of Berea, Ky.

The cherry wood shaft, entwined by a snake – the symbol of medicine – ascends to a ring of walnut thistle leaves symbolic of the Scottish Presbyterian roots of the University of Pikeville. Parallel to the snake are the institution's historic 99 steps.

The university seal dominates the walnut sphere. Between each is carved a Celtic knot, symbolizing the Scotch-Irish heritage of the area. Coal black mountains and valleys ascend from the top of the sphere. Sealed within the orb is a list of the names of the medical school's first graduating class, along with the names of faculty and staff.

A gift to the school from the Pikeville College School of Medicine's class of 2001, the mace is displayed outside the president's office on campus.



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