

C **UNIVERSITY OF PIKEVILLE** *ommencement*



Class of 2022

Kentucky College of Optometry

Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine

May 7, 2022

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Class of 2022 Commencement

Saturday, May 7, 2022

Order of Ceremony

Prelude.....Phillip Westgate, DMA, *pianist*
Professor of Music

* Academic Processional Keith Murphy, *piper*

* Presentation of Colors Pikeville Police Department Honor Guard

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

Invocation.....Rachel Elizabeth Bailey
Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine, Class of 2022

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
Professor of Optometry

Joe E. Kingery, D.O., MBA, FACOFP, FAAFP
Dean, Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine
Professor, Department of Family Medicine

Introduction of Commencement Speaker..... Dr. Kingery

Commencement Address..... William T. Betz, D.O., MBA, FACOFP, *dist.*
Professor Emeritus, KYCOM

Conferring of Honorary DegreePresident Webb
William T. Betz, *Doctor of Science* Terry L. Dotson
Chairman, University of Pikeville Board of Trustees

Certification of Degree Candidates.....President Webb and Provost Werth

Introduction of Degree Candidates

Donald J. Egan, O.D., FAAO
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Professor of Optometry, KYCO

Malgorzata Simm, Ph.D., M.Sc.
Associate Dean of Biomedical Sciences
Professor of Microbiology & Immunology, KYCOM

Hooding

Cliff Caudill, O.D., FAAO
Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs, KYCO

Joshua R. Crum, D.O., MBA
Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, KYCOM

Administration of Oath

TeShawna Sutton, O.D.
President, Kentucky Optometric Association

Laura Griffin, D.O., FAAO
Associate Dean for OPP Integration
Professor and Chair, Department of OPP

Presentation of Classes.....Dr. Bacigalupi and Dr. Kingery

Greetings from the Kentucky Osteopathic Medical AssociationSamantha Olzeski, D.O.
President, KOMA
Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine, Class of 2008

Class Representatives

Brittany Varney
Valedictorian
KYCO, Class of 2022

Daniel Michael Stoneburg
Class President
KYCOM, Class of 2022

Alumni Association

Logan Ritchhart, O.D.
President, KYCO Alumni Association
KYCO, Class of 2021

Junita Fraan Hughes, D.O.
President, KYCOM Alumni Association
KYCOM, Class of 2006

“My Old Kentucky Home”Eric Rutherford, DMA
Associate Professor of Music
Director of Choral & Commercial Vocal Music Studies
Dr. Westgate, *pianist*

BenedictionLaura Keith
Kentucky College of Optometry, Class of 2022

* Stage Party Recessional Keith Murphy, *piper*

*Thank you to KYCOM Sigma Sigma Phi members and KYCO Student Government Association
for their assistance with today's ceremony.*

Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient

William T. Betz, D.O., MBA, FACOFP, dist.

William Thomas Betz, D.O., MBA, FACOFP, *dist.*, received his bachelor's degree from Baker University, his doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from Kansas City University-College of Osteopathic Medicine, postgraduate training from Lakeside Hospital and his master's of business administration from the University of Tennessee.

Early in his career, Betz served as a family medicine physician and medical director at several hospitals but first began his tenure at the University of Pikeville-Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (KYCOM) in 1998 as the associate dean for clinical sciences and chairman of the department of family medicine where he served until 2006. Serving at KYCOM during its earliest years, Betz made a significant impact and lent his expertise to the program's formation. From the designing, implementation and evaluation of clinical programs to faculty development, Betz left his mark in KYCOM history. Betz then returned to KYCOM in 2009 to serve as senior associate dean for osteopathic medical education and chair of the department of family medicine. Betz even served as acting dean for the 2016-2017 academic year. He then continued his career with the American Osteopathic Association (AOA). There, he used his extensive experience in the field to serve as a physician executive consultant, which he continues now with Betz Consultants, where he is the chief executive officer.

Betz has been a member of numerous professional organizations, including but not limited to the AOA, the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, where he has served as a board member, the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation, the American Osteopathic Foundation, the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians and the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians.

With a passion for not only the health of a community, Betz has also served in many philanthropic efforts during his career through the Chamber of Commerce, with Ambassadors for Christ Ministry, Boy Scouts of America as well as other organizations.

Betz has been the recipient of UPIKE's Faculty Emeritus Award, KYCOM's John A. Strosnider, D.O., Memorial Lecturer and the Lifetime Appreciation Award, Distinguished Fellow Award from the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, and inducted into the Kentucky Institute of Medicine as well as many other honors.

Betz currently resides in Naples, FL, with his wife, Cheryl.

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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.

2022 Candidates for the Degree

DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY

Jessica Joan Beckman
Yorba Linda, California

* Josiah Alan Bolyard
Green Bank, West Virginia

* Hannah Marion Bowser
Pfafftown, North Carolina

Sophia Lily Brown
Charlottesville, Virginia

Hannah Kathryn Cawood Busroe
Harlan, Kentucky

Kevin Patrick Campbell
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
Hooded by Michael Campbell, O.D.

Ellen Chadwell
Hazard, Kentucky

Hunter Ray Christian
Princeton, West Virginia

Mary Katherine Clark
Elizabethtown, North Carolina

Hannah Ryan Collier
Mount Sterling, Kentucky

Chelsey Rae Curry
Delbarton, West Virginia

Ashley Lynn DiMercurio
St. Louis, Missouri

Anna Paige Dixon
Ripley, Mississippi

Trinity N. Doan
Los Angeles, California

Robert Michael Durocher
Lebanon, Tennessee
Hooded by Richard Durocher, O.D.

* Koen Wesley Elswick
Norton, Virginia

Bryan Justin Fields
Stanton, Kentucky

Clayton Edward Frost
San Angelo, Texas

Dominique Noelle Fulk
Bradenton, Florida

Taylor Nicole Hart
Honaker, Virginia

* Heather L. Henderlight
Corbin, Kentucky

* Emily Wallace Holley
Huntington, West Virginia

Kristen Jolley Johnson
Rockwood, Tennessee

* Laura Rose Keith
Shelbyville, Tennessee
Hooded by Kenneth Dale Hasty, O.D.

Phillip Justin Kelly
Raleigh, North Carolina

John Kephart
DuBois, Pennsylvania

* Chloe Kathaleen Malcolm
Standish, Michigan

Josef Adam Koberlein
Hudson, Ohio

* Beta Sigma Kappa Honor Society Member

2022 Candidates for the Degree

DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY

Ashley Pahzoua Kue
Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

Kortny C. Lancaster
Rock Springs, Wyoming

Anna Josephine Latza
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Catherine Fang Liu
Johns Creek, Georgia

Silva Lo
Nebo, North Carolina

Dixon Jacques Maggard
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Nancy Mai
New Orleans, Louisiana

* Joseph Brennan McArthur
Ridgeland, Mississippi

Melissa Marie Metz
Medina, Ohio

Michael Alex Million
McAlester, Oklahoma

* Audrey Grace Moore
Calvert City, Kentucky

Crystal Chinelo Onyeador
Arlington, Texas

Priya Patel
Orlando, Florida

* Forest Tyler Pope
Lexington, Kentucky

Justin T. Reid
Portland, Tennessee

Alyssa J. Richard
Monticello, Minnesota

* Taylor Brooke Runyon
Belfry, Kentucky

Maya Nicole Seif
Canton, Ohio

Michelle Linda Seif
Canton, Ohio

Clara Durie Shroyer
New Knoxville, Ohio

* Stephanie Gayle Solomon
Baltimore, Maryland

Caleb F. Stanley
Prichard, West Virginia

Zachery Taylor Stephenson
Benson, North Carolina

Daniel Douglas Sturgell
Denver, Colorado
Hooded by Keith Miller, O.D.

Rebecca Lauren Thigpen
Conway, South Carolina

Doug N. Thompson
Kansas City, Missouri

* Brittany Michelle Martin Varney
Krypton, Kentucky

Ashley Louise Wright
Jenkins, Kentucky

Taylor Lee Yeardie
Brownsville, Pennsylvania

Josie Ruth Cohen Ziegler
Dexter, Michigan

* Beta Sigma Kappa Honor Society Member

2022 Kentucky College of Optometry Awards

DEAN'S AWARD

Taylor Runyon

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

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Brittany Martin Varney

Presented to the Class of 2022 Valedictorian.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' AWARD

Joseph McArthur

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

Kortny Lancaster

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

Laura Keith

*Instituted in 2020 by Josephine Ibironke, 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

Hannah Bowser

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

BETA SIGMA KAPPA HIGHEST GRADE POINT AVERAGE AWARD

Brittany Martin Varney

*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

Maya Seif

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

ESCHENBACH LOW VISION STUDENT AWARD

Silva Lo

Presented to a graduating student who has demonstrated outstanding clinical application, exceptional aptitude and interest in the field of low vision.

CONTACT LENS CLINIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

Josie Ziegler

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

Dominique Fulk

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

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN CONTACT LENS PATIENT CARE

Laura Keith

*This award recognizes an outstanding graduate clinician who has demonstrated excellence in contact lens patient care during their optometric education. The student must be a member of AAO.
Sponsored by Johnson & Johnson.*

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY AWARD

Hannah Busroe

Presented to a graduating student who is most passionate and committed to the excellence of eye care in Eastern Kentucky. Sponsored by David Cowen, M.D., FACS.

METRO OPTICS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN CONTACT LENS PATIENT CARE

Kristin Jolley

Presented to an outstanding 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 their contact lens patients.

METRO OPTICS EXCELLENCE IN CONTACT LENS SKILLS

Stephanie Solomon

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

NATIONAL VISION SENIOR AWARD

Taylor Runyon

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

Tyler Pope

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

PIONEER INTERNATIONAL SENIOR EXCELLENCE AWARD

Audrey Moore

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.

OPTELEC EXCELLENCE IN LOW VISION AWARD

Koen Elswick

Presented to a graduating student who has excelled academically or has contributed to a university service, and has a special interest in low vision.

VSP GLOBAL PRIVATE PRACTICE AWARD

Josiah Bolyard

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

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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.

2022 Candidates for the Degree

DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Sheharyar A. Abbasi
Knoxville, Tennessee

Alaa Zuhair Alghalayini
Cincinnati, Ohio
Hooded by Fatema Nassar, D.O.

Iqbal Jawaid Ali
Leesburg, Virginia

- * • Mais Muhannad Alwan
Louisville, Kentucky
Hooded by Faten Abdullah, M.D.

Rachel Elizabeth Bailey
Pikeville, Kentucky
Hooded by Debra R. Bailey, M.D.

Hochong J. Bang
Mishawaka, Indiana

Zachary James Baumgard
Cleveland, Ohio
Hooded by Marc Baumgard, M.D.

- * ~ Thomas Alexander Baxter
Pine Knob, Kentucky

Amy Elizabeth Beard
Floyds Knobs, Indiana
Hooded by Lyle Beard, M.D.

- * • ' Shelby Lynn Blanton
Mt. Sterling, Kentucky

Joseph Michael Blumer
Washington, Pennsylvania

- * • Emily Jean Borgemenke
Mason, Ohio
Hooded by David Borgemenke, M.D.

- * • ' Brianne Patricia Bowers
Belle Center, Ohio

William Ely Brading
Johnson City, Tennessee

- * ' Adrianne Alisse Buckles
Elizabethtown, Kentucky
Hooded by Adrian Dale Buckles, Ph.D.

- * Avery Alexander Buckles
Elizabethtown, Kentucky
Hooded by Adrian Dale Buckles, Ph.D.

Colin Mark Buday
Essexville, Michigan

- * Daniel David Cain
Indianapolis, Indiana

Brianna Lynn Capron
Camden, New York

- * • Seth Christian Carmichael
Lawrenceburg, Kentucky

- * • Jamie Brooklyn Castle
Salyersville, Kentucky
Hooded by Kate Shutts, M.D.

Reily Andrew Catto
Portland, Oregon
Hooded by Byron Thomas, D.O.

Christina S. Chan
Queens, New York
Hooded by Evelyn Ha, M.D.

Robert Lee Christiansen
Manitowoc, Wisconsin
Hooded by James J. Kiyak, M.D.

- * Sigma Sigma Phi Member
- OMT/Anatomy Fellow
- Gold Humanism Honor Society Member
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- ' Graduating with Honors

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DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

* • ' Carlee Marie Clemons
Covington, Kentucky

Philip Cleves
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dylan Collins
New Albany, Indiana
Hooded by Ty Slatton, M.D.

* • Shauna Michelle Combs
Cincinnati, Ohio
Hooded by Madhulika Mamidi, M.D.

Alexander Caleb Cooke
Mt. Washington, Kentucky

* Jared Timothy Cottingham
Lowell, Indiana

Mikayla Mason Dennison
Bardstown, Kentucky

Sunil Devkota
Kathmandu, Nepal

Collin Doherty
Phoenix, Arizona

Todd Michael Dunaway
Orem, Utah

Dana Blair Ebb
Franklin, Tennessee
Hooded by Dan Ebb, D.D.S.

* David Russell Elkins
Martinsville, Indiana

- Jordan Danielle Elliott
Beavercreek, Ohio
Hooded by Michael Elliott, Ph.D.

• Morgan Finn
Pocatello, Idaho

Killeen Marie Finnegan
Fishers, Indiana
Hooded by Zachary Johnson, M.D.

' Dylan Cody Fugate
Hazard, Kentucky

* Steven Griffith Gadd
Berea, Kentucky
Hooded by Linda Carrington, Ph.D.

Ayaz Gen
Chicago, Illinois

Olivia May Gentry
Paducah, Kentucky

Nikhil Grandhi
Cincinnati, Ohio
Hooded by Nav Grandhi, M.D.

Domenic George Grosso
Akron, Ohio
Hooded by Michael Cicero, D.O., FACOEP

* John M. Gutierrez
San Antonio, Texas

Keenan Luke Hacker
Frenchburg, Kentucky

Emily Elica Haley
Campbellsville, Kentucky
Hooded by Arthur Haley, O.D.

• - Kaitlyn Canaday Hall
Campton, Kentucky
Hooded by Ashley Adams, D.O.

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* ' Brandon Kyle Hamm
Maysville, Kentucky
Hooded by Kartick Pramanik, Ph.D.

Andrew Moses Hanalla
Visalia, California
Hooded by Youssef Hanalla, M.D.

Andrew Alan Hartley
Bowling Green, Kentucky

* Waverly Morgan Hebert
Avon Lake, Ohio

' Megan Ruth Hedgespeth
Campbellsville, Kentucky

Taylor Nathaniel Hermann
Louisville, Kentucky
Hooded by Carla Hermann, Ph.D.

Olivia Horvath Hildesheim
Sellersburg, Indiana

Briana Nicole Ishmael
Carlisle, Kentucky

Carly Marie James
Brookville, Indiana
Hooded by Mike Bentz, D.D.S.

• Sarah Khalid Javaid
Houston, Texas

Madison Jupina
Strongsville, Ohio
Hooded by Matthew Jupina, J.D.

Satinderjit Kaur
Pflugerville, Texas

* • Akhil Kavuri
Arlington Heights, Illinois
Hooded by Anusha Kavuri, M.D.

Ian Ross Keith
Wingate, Indiana

Santrupthi Kemparajurs
Louisville, Kentucky
Hooded by Keerthi Kemparajurs, M.D.

Hiba Ahmad Khan
Naperville, Illinois
Hooded by Aftab Ahmad Khan, M.D.

Kennedy Alexis King
Hindman, Kentucky

Robert Knopp
Taylorsville, Kentucky
Hooded by Grady Stephens, M.D.

Mary Elaine Jia-Huai Kuo
Elizabethtown, Kentucky
Hooded by Daniel Kuo, M.D.

Sarah Elizabeth Lackey
Hopkinsville, Kentucky

Shelby Elizabeth Lesak
Cynthiana, Kentucky

Anne M. Magnuson
St. Cloud, Minnesota
Hooded by Todd Magnuson, M.D.

Kathryn Magno Manalo
Ft. Wayne, Indiana
Hooded by Manny Manalo, M.D.

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Louisville, Kentucky
Hooded by Lana Mandzy, M.D.
- Jennifer Margaret Markwood
Tampa, Florida
Hooded by Ian Markwood, Ph.D.
- Morgan Elizabeth Matthews
Bowling Green, Kentucky
Hooded by Pamela Harston, M.D.
- • Heather Marie Shanks McGuire
Louisville, Kentucky
Hooded by Julia H. Smith, D.H.Ed.
- Christine Nicole Miller
Richmond, Indiana
- Christopher Roy Moore
Lexington, Kentucky
- Leah Joy Moorefield
Charleston, South Carolina
- * • Ryan Christopher Morales
Owensboro, Kentucky
Hooded by Brant Cornelius, D.O.
- * Jessica Lynn Mutters
Darien, Illinois
Hooded by Amber Reitz, D.O.
- Mohammad Naiyer
Dublin, Ohio
Hooded by Nada Naiyer, M.D.
- Tumi Njopang
Hardy, Kentucky
- * • ' Stuart Franklin Wade Orange
Bagdad, Kentucky
Hooded by Larry Orange, D.Min.
- * • Javed Z. Osmani
San Diego, California
- Douglas Wade Owen
Owasso, Oklahoma
Hooded by Mark Blubaugh, D.O.
- * Rathisha Pathmathasan
Dublin, Ohio
Hooded by Cynthia Pathmathasan, M.D.
- * Andrea Claire Perrin
Cincinnati, Ohio
Hooded by Michael R. Weaver, Ph.D.
- * ' Preston David Perry
Johnson City, Tennessee
Hooded by David Perry, D.C.
- Manisha Piryani
Mequon, Wisconsin
Hooded by Chandur Piryani, M.D.
- Colin David Radabaugh
Reedsville, West Virginia
- * • ' Elizabeth Anne Reiner
Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania
Hooded by Jessica Zinskie Brzozowski, Ph.D.
- * Alexandra Lynn Rice
Jamestown, Ohio
Hooded by Ty Slatton, M.D.
- * Emily Nicole Roby
Louisville, Kentucky

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Jared Michael Rollins
Mt. Sterling, Kentucky
Hooded by James Rollins, M.D.

Rebekah Romero
Flushing, Michigan
Hooded by Francis Hinsberg, D.O.

◦ Amy Rubrich
Sun Prairie, Wisconsin
Hooded by Linda Balsamo, Ph.D.

Sahar Demetria Safae
Dillsburg, Pennsylvania

Ashley Abbas Saleem
Plymouth, Michigan
Hooded by Ali Abbas Saleem, M.D.

Abdulsalam Shaker Salem
Coldwater, Michigan

* ◦ Jon Alexander Sanford
East Lansing, Michigan

Rishikesh C. Savaliya
Bartlett, Illinois

* • Kristine Eleonor Schmeling
Rockford, Illinois
Hooded by Juliette Kalweit Schmeling, M.D.

Aron Mitchell Schneider
Saginaw, Michigan
Hooded by David H. Schneider, M.D.

Leslie Savannah Schneider
Louisville, Kentucky
Hooded by Theodore Forrest, M.D.

~ Hanna W. Seo
Louisville, Kentucky

Arhum Shahab
West Bloomfield, Michigan

Alexandria Lauren Shirilla
Brunswick, Ohio

Alison F. Shuff
South Webster, Ohio
Hooded by Al Addasi, M.D.

Jacob H. Sifers
Elkhorn City, Kentucky
Hooded by Kyler Gator Hazelett, Pharm.D.

Steven Kyle Skaggs
Ashland, Kentucky

Jaysie Keena Smith
Somerset, Kentucky
Hooded by Teresa Bentley, M.D.

~ Andrew Joseph Sprader
Suamico, Wisconsin

• ~ Daniel Michael Stoneburg
Bowling Green, Kentucky
Hooded by Candi Griffey, D.O.

Andrew Tab Strike
Cleveland, Tennessee
Hooded by Billie Jean Strike, Pharm.D.

◦ Alexander Suffridge
Hazard, Kentucky

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Dana, Kentucky

Amy Elizabeth Theriault
Bakerton, West Virginia

Merelyn Alice Thomas
Sunnyvale, Texas

* Nicole Tomczuk
Norridge, Illinois

Holly Ann Toy
Salyersville, Kentucky

Kelly Taylor Vande Merkt
Arlington Heights, Illinois

Dean Herbert Waldhart
Sheboygan, Wisconsin

* Jessica Lynn Watson
Henderson, Kentucky
Hooded by Garrett Koon, D.O.

Thomas Luther Westfall III
Ivel, Kentucky

Justin Langdon Whittington
Beavercreek, Ohio

° Meadow Kaitlin Will
Rapid City, South Dakota

2022 Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine Awards

DEAN'S AWARD

Daniel M. Stoneburg

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

Brandon K. Hamm

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' AWARD

Brandon K. Hamm

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

Heather M. McGuire

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

Kaitlyn C. Hall

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

Carlee M. Clemons

Awarded for overall excellence in academics and service.

DONNA JONES MORITSUGU AWARD

Katarina Sprader

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

JAMES E. CAMPBELL, D.O., AWARD

Kennedy Alexis King

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

MR. DHARAM PAL KASHYAP AWARD

Emily J. Borgemenke

Jared T. Cottingham

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

MS. SWADESH KASHYAP MEMORIAL AWARD

Brianne P. Bowers

*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.*

**MRS. SWARAN KANTA SACHDEVA MEMORIAL AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE OF WOMEN IN SPECIALTY MEDICINE**

Kelly T. Vande Merkt

Instituted in 2022 by Rakesh Sachdeva, M.D., awarded to a graduating female medical student who has demonstrated excellence in pursuing a residency in specialty medicine.

KYCOM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD

Alexandra L. Rice

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

Heather M. McGuire

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

EXCELLENCE IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE AWARD

Shauna M. Combs

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

THE MERCK MANUAL AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Jamie B. Castle

Dylan C. Fugate

Ryan C. Morales

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

RAM'S HEAD AWARD

Jennifer M. Markwood

Heather M. McGuire

Amy Rubrich

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*Presented for Fellowship Program in recognition of outstanding
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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 became 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 132 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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