



**VCU** School of Medicine



## Advanced Degree Student Recognition Ceremony

May 8, 2026

2025 - 2026

## Awards, Nominations and Recognitions

The School of Medicine is very pleased to recognize the recipients of more than 250 departmental, school, university, and national awards. Our graduate students have once again proven themselves to be outstanding!

### **56** Awards, Nominations and Recognitions

1. American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET) Travel Award
2. American Thoracic Society, Underrepresented Trainee Development Scholarship
3. BSDP Recruiting Showcase Poster Presentation
4. BSDP Recruiting Showcase Program Participation
5. BSDP Student Roundtable Panelist Nomination
6. BSDP Student Roundtable Participation
7. Charles C. Clayton Scholarship
8. CMGM GSA Travel Award
9. Commonwealth of Virginia Cancer Research Conference, Top Presenter Award
10. Dr. Herbert John Evans Jr. Award
11. Dr. Smriti Bardhan Award of Excellence in Genetics Research Award
12. F30/F31 Roundtable Participation
13. Heffter Research Institute Travel Award
14. Human and Molecular Genetics Department Travel Award
15. International Meeting of the Psychosocial Aspects of Hereditary Cancer 2025, Best Student Presentation
16. James Poland Award
17. King's College London Top Student Award
18. Lang Kucera Award
19. Mary P. Coleman Award
20. Mary P. Coleman Award Nomination
21. NCI F99/K00 Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Transition Award
22. NIH F30 Predoctoral Fellowship
23. NIH F31 Predoctoral Fellowship
24. NIH/NCATS Translational Biomedical Sciences T32 Fellowship
25. NIH/NCI T32 Integrative Training in Cancer Biology (ITCB) Fellowship
26. Phi Kappa Phi SOM Scholarship
27. Phi Kappa Phi SOM Scholarship Nomination
28. Phi Kappa Phi Susan E. Kennedy Scholarship, Program Nomination
29. Phi Kappa Phi Susan E. Kennedy Scholarship, SOM Nomination
30. Research Society on Alcohol Travel Award
31. Robert L. Balster Scholarship
32. Robert Ramsey Award
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49. VCU Graduate School Dissertation Assistantship, SOM Nomination
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51. VCU Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Membership Nomination
52. VCU Three-MinuteThesis (3MT) 2nd Place
53. VCU Three-MinuteThesis (3MT) 3rd Place
54. Walter Lawrence Cancer Retreat Cancer Biology Poster Award
55. Watts Doctoral Student Enhancement Scholarship
56. Wright Center Student Travel Award

**01 American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics Travel Award**

Dana Kneisley, Ph.D.  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

**02 American Thoracic Society, Underrepresented Trainee Development Scholarship**

Veronica Eddy  
M.S., Clinical and Translational Sciences

**03 BSDP Recruiting Showcase Poster Presentation**

Araba Abaidoo-Myles  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

Doaa Abdallah  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

Jay Billingsley  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Lucas Codispoti  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Larissa Cooper  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Keegan Hoag  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Dana Kneisley  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Sachin Kumar Kempelingiah  
Ph.D., Biochemistry

Megan Liebig  
Ph.D., Pharmacology and Toxicology

Mary Clark Lind  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

Michael Mann  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

Samantha Mercer  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

Alec Moschitto  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Aidan Moylan  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

Henry Oo  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Rachel Schmitt  
Ph.D., Neuroscience

Julian Vaughn  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

**04 BSDP Recruiting Showcase Program Participation**

Vadim Barnakov  
Ph.D., Physiology & Biophysics

Jess Bell  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

Jay Billingsley  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Catharine Carfagno  
Ph.D., Neuroscience

Lucas Codispoti  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Larissa Cooper  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Sara Herz  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Nayyerehalsadat Hosseini  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

Sarah Hudson  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Dana Kneisley  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Sachin Kumar Kempelingiah  
Ph.D., Biochemistry

Samantha Mercer  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

Aidan Moylan  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

Rachel Schmitt  
Ph.D., Neuroscience

Lauren Soleo  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Shelbey Strandberg  
Ph.D., Neuroscience

### **05 BSDP Student Roundtable Panelist Nomination**

Jess Bell  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

Justin Kidd  
Ph.D., Physiology & Biophysics

Samantha Mercer  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

Ben Tramonte  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Connor Tuck  
Ph.D., Biochemistry

Alexia Zylko  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

### **06 BSDP Student Roundtable Participation**

Victoria Ashton  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

Amber Baldwin  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Catharine Carfagno  
Ph.D., Neuroscience

Oscar Dominguez  
Ph.D., Biochemistry

Michael Mann  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

### **07 Charles C. Clayton Scholarship**

Catharine Carfagno  
Ph.D., Neuroscience

Julia Hartman  
M.D.-Ph.D., Human Genetics

Justin Kidd  
Ph.D., Physiology & Biophysics

Nicholas Koelsch  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

Tyler Laugh  
M.S., Medical Physics

Samuel Marsh  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Allison Molen  
M.S., Human Genetics

Alexander Osman  
Ph.D., Medical Physics

Molly Poore  
M.S., Biochemistry

Clay Shafer  
M.S., Microbiology & Immunology

Connor Tuck  
Ph.D., Biochemistry

### **08 CMGM GSA Travel Award**

Victoria Ashton  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

### **09 Commonwealth of Virginia Cancer Research Conference, Top Presenter Award**

Nayyerehalsadat Hosseini  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

**10 Dr. Herbert John Evans Jr. Award**

Jean Patrick Gonzales  
Ph.D., Biochemistry

**11 Dr. Smriti Bardhan Award of Excellence in Genetics Research**

Ahmed Elshazly  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Nayyerehalsadat Hosseini  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

**12 F30/F31 Roundtable Participation**

Elizabeth Geisler  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Julia Hartman  
M.D.-Ph.D., Human Genetics

Diane Ingabire  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Natalie Luffman  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

Augustus White  
M.D.-Ph.D., Healthcare Policy and Research\*

Emily Zboril  
Ph.D., Biochemistry

**13 Heffter Research Institute Travel Award**

Michael Fiorillo  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

**14 Human and Molecular Genetics Department Travel Award**

Victoria Ashton  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

Jordan Chow  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

Nayyerehalsadat Hosseini  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

Natalie Luffman  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

Badí Quinteros Espinoza  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

Carson Walker  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

**15 International Meeting of the Psychosocial Aspects of Hereditary Cancer (IMPAHC) 2025, Best Student Presentation**

Badí Quinteros Espinoza  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

**16 James Poland Award**

Thelma Amoah  
M.S., Physiology and Biophysics

**17 King's College London Top Student Award**

Madison Maxwell  
M.S., Addiction Studies

**18 Lang Kucera Award**

TBA  
M.S., Genetic Counseling

**19 Mary P. Coleman Award**

Nicholas Koelsch  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

**20 Mary P. Coleman Award Nomination**

Mallory Cunningham  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

**21 NCI F99/K00 Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Transition Award**

Sumit Saha  
Ph.D., Biochemistry

**22 NIH F30 Predoctoral Fellowship**

Gavin Goldscheitter  
M.D.-Ph.D., Biomedical Engineering

Julia Hartman  
M.D.-Ph.D., Human Genetics

Sarah Marks  
M.D.-Ph.D., Healthcare Policy and Research\*

Hannah Shadowen  
M.D.-Ph.D., Healthcare Policy and Research\*

Anne Skelton  
M.D.-Ph.D., Physiology & Biophysics

Augustus White  
M.D.-Ph.D., Healthcare Policy and Research\*

**23 NIH F31 Predoctoral Fellowship**

Nigeste Carter  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Elizabeth Geisler  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Dana Kneisley  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Diane Ingabire  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Natalie Luffman  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

Walker Rogers  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

Emily Zboril  
Ph.D., Biochemistry

**24 NIH/NCATS Translational Biomedical Sciences T32 Fellowship**

Naomi Carter  
M.D.-Ph.D., Clinical and Translational Sciences\*

Nina Dashti-Gibson  
M.D.-Ph.D., Clinical and Translational Sciences\*

Tuong Vi Nguyen  
M.D.-Ph.D., Clinical and Translational Sciences\*

Gevick Safarians  
M.D.-Ph.D., Clinical and Translational Sciences\*

**25 NIH/NCI T32 Integrative Training in Cancer Biology (ITCB) Fellowship**

Nayyerehalsadat Hosseini  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

**26 Phi Kappa Phi SOM Scholarship**

Julia Hartman  
M.D.-Ph.D., Human Genetics

Molly Poore  
M.S., Biochemistry

**27 Phi Kappa Phi SOM Scholarship Nomination**

Araba Abaidoo-Myles  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

Atharv Battu  
M.S., Pharmacology & Toxicology

LeeAnn Dempsey  
M.S., Genetic Counseling

Michael Fiorillo  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Tomaj Javidtash  
M.S., Medical Physics

Allison Molen  
M.S., Human Genetics

**Phi Kappa Phi SOM Scholarship Nomination  
(continued)**

Sumit Saha  
Ph.D., Biochemistry

Ikchit Sangha  
Ph.D., Medical Physics

Corinne Smith  
Ph.D., Neuroscience

**28 Phi Kappa Phi Susan E. Kennedy Scholarship,  
Program Nomination**

Justin Kidd  
Ph.D., Physiology & Biophysics

Allison Molen  
M.S., Human Genetics

**29 Phi Kappa Phi Susan E. Kennedy Scholarship,  
SOM Nomination**

Kumari Sunidhi  
Ph.D., Medical Physics

**30 Research Society on Alcohol Travel Award**

Michael Fiorillo  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

**31 Robert L. Balster Scholarship**

Alain Favina  
M.S., Addiction Studies

Maninder Manihani  
M.S., Addiction Studies

Madison Maxwell  
M.S., Addiction Studies

**32 Robert Ramsey Award**

James Martin  
M.D.-Ph.D., Physiology & Biophysics

**33 Roscoe Hughes Award**

Madhurbain Singh  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

**34 Roscoe Hughes Fellowship**

Julia Hartman  
M.D.-Ph.D., Human Genetics

**35 Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco,  
New Investigator Best Abstract**

Alayna Palamar  
Ph.D., Neuroscience

**36 SOM Doctoral Fellowship Incentive Award**

Sareh Bayatpour  
Ph.D., Biochemistry

Catharine Carfagno  
Ph.D., Neuroscience

Alex Counts  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

Nina Dashti-Gibson  
M.D.-Ph.D., Clinical and Translational Sciences\*

Nicholas Druck  
M.D.-Ph.D., Biomedical Engineering

Ahmed Elshazly  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Annalise Hassan  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Sara Herz  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

**SOM Doctoral Fellowship Incentive Award  
(continued)**

Olivia Jennings  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Sarah Lewicki  
M.D.-Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Melissa Lewis  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Radina Lilova  
M.D.-Ph.D., Neuroscience

Hongkun Joy Lu  
M.D.-Ph.D., Clinical and Translational Sciences\*

James Martin  
M.D.-Ph.D., Physiology & Biophysics

Emily Notari  
M.D.-Ph.D., Integrative Life Sciences\*

Justin Silverman  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Corinne Smith  
Ph.D., Neuroscience

Polina Wright  
M.D.-Ph.D., Clinical and Translational Sciences\*

Alexia Zylko  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

**37 SOM Orientation Student Roundtable  
Panelist Nomination**

Justin Kidd  
Ph.D., Physiology & Biophysics

Alexandra Marrero-Quinones  
M.S., Genetic Counseling

Alexander Osman  
Ph.D., Medical Physics

Rachel Schmitt  
Ph.D., Neuroscience

Margaret Stiker  
M.S., Microbiology & Immunology

Sophia Viola  
M.S., Genetic Counseling

**38 SOM Orientation Student Roundtable  
Panelist Participation**

Alex Counts  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

Jensen Goulette  
M.S., Human Genetics

Tomaj Javidtash  
M.S., Medical Physics

Dana Kneisley  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Carson Walker  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

**39 SOM Ph.D. Student Representative  
DOSE Interviews**

Mary Clark Lind  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

**40 SOM Teaching Excellence Awards Selection  
Committee Participation**

Sara Herz  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

**41 SOM Teaching Excellence Awards Selection  
Committee Participation, Alternate**

Victoria Ashton  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

## 42 SOM Teaching Excellence Awards Selection Committee Participation, Nomination

Nicholas Koelsch  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

## 43 SOM Travel Award

Araba Abaidoo-Myles  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

Sareh Bayatpour  
Ph.D., Biochemistry

Katie Bushing  
M.S., Genetic Counseling

Jordan Chow  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

Mallory Cunningham  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

Lauren Dain  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

LeeAnn Dempsey  
M.S., Genetic Counseling

Saeed Farajzadeh Valilou  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

Michael Fiorillo  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Alison Gaynor  
M.S., Genetic Counseling

Gilbert Glago  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

Annalise Hassan  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Sara Herz  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Ethan Hoffman  
Ph.D., BSDP

Nayyerehalsadat Hosseini  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

Diane Ingabire  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Dickerson Keith  
M.S., Genetic Counseling

Justin Kidd  
Ph.D., Physiology & Biophysics

Morgan Klein  
M.S., Genetic Counseling

Dana Kneisley  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Elizabeth Leggett  
Ph.D., Physiology & Biophysics

Melissa Lewis  
Ph.D., Pharmacology and Toxicology

Mary Clark Lind  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

Dionna Long  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

Hongkun Joy Lu  
M.D.-Ph.D., Clinical and Translational Sciences\*

Alexandra Marrero Quinones  
M.S., Genetic Counseling

Shelby Millar Flores  
M.S., Genetic Counseling

Lanie Mullins  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

Mohammed Mustafa  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Parth Naik  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

Tuong Vi Nguyen\*  
M.D.-Ph.D., Clinical and Translational Sciences

### **SOM Travel Award (continued)**

Alexander Osman

Ph.D., Medical Physics

Ayil Perrott

Ph.D., BSDP/Physiology & Biophysics

Badí Quinteros Espinoza

Ph.D., Human Genetics

Sumit Saha

Ph.D., Biochemistry

Ikchit Sangha

Ph.D., Medical Physics

Justin Silverman

Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Corinne Smith

Ph.D., Neuroscience

Kumari Sunidhi

Ph.D., Medical Physics

Katie Tanner

M.S., Genetic Counseling

Michael Taylor

Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Michelle Taylor

Ph.D., Neuroscience

Alanna Varca Gentile

M.S., Genetic Counseling

Carson Walker

Ph.D., Human Genetics

Pineda Reyes Yesenia

M.S., Genetic Counseling

Emily Zboril

Ph.D., Biochemistry

### **44 SOM Video Contest Award**

Atharv Ashwin Battu

M.S., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Saeed Farajzadeh Valilou

Ph.D., Human Genetics

Marissa Gernon

Certificate, Addiction Studies

Gilbert Glago

Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

Dionna Long

Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

Soha Munir

Ph.D., Neuroscience

### **45 VCU Alpha Alpha Alpha Chapter (Tri-Alpha) Induction**

Jess Bell

Ph.D., Human Genetics

### **46 VCU Graduate M.S. Recruiting Scholarship**

Sahaja Adusumalli

M.S., Addiction Studies

### **47 VCU Graduate School Dissertation Assistantship Award**

Julia Altman

Ph.D., Human Genetics

### **48 VCU Graduate School Dissertation Assistantship, Program Nomination**

Nima Nassehi

Ph.D., Neuroscience

**49 VCU Graduate School Dissertation Assistantship, SOM Nomination**

Stanley Cheatham  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

**50 VCU Graduate School Travel Award**

Nour Abosamak  
Ph.D., Clinical and Translational Sciences\*

Tuong Vi Nguyen  
M.D.-Ph.D., Clinical and Translational Sciences\*

Badí Quinteros Espinoza  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

**51 VCU Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Membership Nomination**

LeeAnn Dempsey  
M.S., Genetic Counseling

Saeed Farajzadeh Valilou  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

Michael Fiorillo  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Jean Gonzales  
Ph.D., Biochemistry

Jensen Goulette  
M.S., Human Genetics

Tomaj Javidtash  
M.S., Medical Physics

Morgan Klein  
M.S., Genetic Counseling

Nicholas Koelsch  
Ph.D., Microbiology & Immunology

Natalie Luffman  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

Alayna Palamar  
Ph.D., Neuroscience

Molly Poore  
M.S., Biochemistry

Ikchit Sangha  
Ph.D., Medical Physics

Clay Shafer  
M.S., Microbiology & Immunology

Justin Silverman  
Ph.D., Pharmacology & Toxicology

Shelbey Strandberg  
Ph.D., Neuroscience

**52 VCU Three-MinuteThesis (3MT) 2nd Place**

Sumit Saha  
Ph.D., Biochemistry

**53 VCU Three-MinuteThesis (3MT) 3rd Place**

Badí Quinteros Espinoza  
Ph.D., Human Genetics

**54 Walter Lawrence Cancer Retreat Cancer Biology Poster Award**

Hossein Ehsanbakhsh  
Ph.D., Clinical and Translational Sciences\*

## 55 Watts Doctoral Student Enhancement Scholarship

Doreen Akorwome  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Shady Azzam  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Jay Billingsley  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Lucas Codispoti  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Larissa Cooper  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Hailey Daker  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Daniel Drach  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Sanay Hewitt  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Keegan Hoag  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Ethan Hoffman  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Sarah Hudson  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Erin Kalck  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Japan Mehta  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Alec Moschitto  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Nada Nassif  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Henry Oo  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Sophia Paolino  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Skyler Pearse  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Ayil Perrott  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Jadon Porch  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Sam Sheats  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Julian Vaughn  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Jack Wallace  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

Riley Zeman  
Ph.D., Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal

## 56 Wright Center Student Travel Award

Nour Abosamak  
Ph.D., Clinical and Translational Sciences\*

Naomi Carter  
M.D.-Ph.D., Clinical and Translational Sciences\*

Adam Gibson  
Ph.D., Clinical and Translational Sciences\*



## School of Medicine Advanced Degree Graduates

The School of Medicine congratulates all students that earned doctoral degrees, master's degrees and graduate certificates in 2025-26. It has been our honor to be involved in their training and we are extremely proud of their accomplishments!

### **Addiction Studies**

Kate Gibson, Certificate

Eric Kramer, M.S.

Madison Maxwell, M.S.

Margaret Proffitt, M.S.

Chambliss Schneider, M.S.

### **Anatomy and Neurobiology**

Jay Asawla, M.S.

Akhila Thirumala, M.S.

### **Biochemistry**

Michael Booth, M.S.

Chanelle Kamga, M.S.

### **Clinical Genetics**

Karsen Austin, Certificate

Ethan Johnson, Certificate

Leah Knott, Certificate

Jade Mack, Certificate

### **Genetic Counseling**

Katie Bushing, M.S.

LeeAnn Dempsey, M.S.

Keith Dickerson, M.S.

Alison Gaynor, M.S. ‡

Sage Hooten, M.S.

Morgan Klein, M.S.

Alyssa Knudson, M.S.

Alexandra Marrero Quinones, M.S. ‡

Shelby Millar Flores, M.S.

Katie Tanner, M.S.

Alanna Varca Gentile, M.S.

‡ DUAL DEGREE, PH.D. IN HUMAN GENETICS AND M.S. IN GENETIC COUNSELING

## School of Medicine Advanced Degree Graduates

### Human Genetics

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Julia Altman, Ph.D.

Alison Gaynor, Ph.D.‡

Jensen Goulette, M.S.

Ting-Xuan Lu, Ph.D.

Alexandra Marrero Quinones, Ph.D.‡

Allison Molen, M.S.

Walker Rogers, Ph.D.

MadhurBain Singh, Ph.D.

Stephen Vieno, M.S.

Philip Vinh, Ph.D.

Madison Ward, Ph.D.

### Medical Physics

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Fitz Ahmed, M.S.

Mateb Alghamwa, Ph.D.

Azam Almolaiki, M.S.

Mojtaba Behzadipour, Certificate

Eric Brass, M.S.

Nico Castellano, M.S.

Kiran Dhakal, Certificate

Abner Duarte Soares, Certificate

Suman Gautam, Ph.D.

Tomaj Javidtash, M.S.

Tyler Laugh, M.S.

Sunil Pokharel, Certificate

Matthew Richeson, M.S.

Richard Wargo, Ph.D.

### Microbiology and Immunology

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Gavin Chambers, Ph.D.

Kathryn Mary Flinn Chambers, Ph.D.

Nicholas Cramer, Ph.D.

Eva Davis, Ph.D.

Kinjal Gupta, M.S.

Annie Hinson, Ph.D.

Heather Natterer, M.S.

Dhara Patel, Ph.D.

Margaret Stiker, M.S.

‡ DUAL DEGREE, PH.D. IN HUMAN GENETICS AND M.S. IN GENETIC COUNSELING

## School of Medicine Advanced Degree Graduates

### **Neuroscience**

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Belle Buzzi, Ph.D.

Maya Gaines-Smith, Ph.D.

Chloe Simons, Ph.D.

Natalie Truby, Ph.D.

### **Pharmacology and Toxicology**

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Sami Ali, M.S.

Muruj Alshehri, Ph.D.

Atharv Ashwin Battu, M.S.

Stanley Cheatham, Ph.D.

Deepak Karunakaran, M.S.

Jerry Maitland, Ph.D.

Samuel Marsh, Ph.D.

Mohammed Mustafa, Ph.D.

Gabriella Silva, Ph.D.

### **Physiology and Biophysics**

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Thelma Amoah, M.S.

James Fune, M.S.

Justin Kidd, Ph.D.

Pratyush Narayan, M.D.-Ph.D.

Amethyst Rorie, M.S.

Anne Skelton, M.D.-Ph.D.

### **M.D.-Ph.D. Partner Colleges and Schools**

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Steven Meas, M.D.-Ph.D.  
(Clinical and Translational Science)

Hannah Shadowen, M.D.-Ph.D.  
(Healthcare Policy and Research)

Augustus (Gus) White, M.D.-Ph.D.  
(Healthcare Policy and Research)

Yi Zhou, M.D.-Ph.D.  
(Integrative Life Sciences)

## **Pre-Medical Graduate Health Sciences**

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Hevar Abdalla, Certificate

Remi Abouzaki, Certificate

Yusrat Ahsanullah, Certificate

Omar AlAwadhi, Certificate

Yousef Alheraijy, Certificate

Briza Avellaneda, Certificate

Bissan Bader, Certificate

Nolawit Belachew, Certificate

Madeleine Benes, Certificate

Calvina Birch, Certificate

Elizabeth Bryan, Certificate

Tiffany Carter, Certificate

Lamia Choity, Certificate

Trina Doan, Certificate

Dinelle Downer, Certificate

Jean Esswein, Certificate

Victoria Frank, Certificate

Hailey Frescoln, Certificate

Peter Galantich, Certificate

Valencia Glittone, Certificate

Arianna Gravatt, Certificate

Kagan Hall, Certificate

Daniel Hosin, Certificate

Fanayqa Iftikhar, Certificate

Esther Kim, Certificate

Kendal Madar, Certificate

Pumoli Malapati, Certificate

Doreen Maleta, Certificate

Christine Malpaya, Certificate

Daniella McCausland, Certificate

Allison Nguyen, Certificate

Grace Park, Certificate

Felicia Pezza, Certificate

Rose Pradieu, Certificate

Jahnay Rouson, Certificate

Gurman Shokar, Certificate

Vyshnavi Sistla, Certificate

Isabella Steiner, Certificate

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