Fifty years ago, a group of dedicated physicians and community leaders recognized there was a shortage of physicians and a scarcity of specialized care in the Hampton Roads region. Their idea to open a medical school in Norfolk gained momentum in 1964 when local citizens persuaded the Virginia General Assembly to create a medical authority charged with starting a school. In 1973, EVMS was created to educate the next generation of health and healthcare professionals, to take research from the bench to the bedside and to provide quality patient care.

Today, EVMS holds an honored position in American history as one of the only medical schools founded and funded by a grassroots effort. Over the years, EVMS has more than satisfied its original purpose to educate healthcare providers and attract much-needed specialists to a region where basic services were lacking. Many who are educated at EVMS choose to stay and practice in the region, and the school’s impressive portfolio of teaching affiliates includes the region’s foremost medical centers and approximately 150 private practices around Hampton Roads.

The collaborative culture at EVMS draws like-minded students and faculty from all over the country and attracts highly qualified healthcare professionals whose wide range of specialty care might otherwise be beyond reach. Research conducted by EVMS faculty and staff is driven by the needs of the community.

Since its beginning, EVMS has grown from a class of 29 students to 1,474 medical and health professions students in the 2023-2024 academic year. Today, EVMS ranks among the top 20 non-federal employers in the region and has an annual economic imprint of more than $1.2 billion in Hampton Roads.

As EVMS moves into the future, the school remains at the forefront of innovation in workforce development for the health sector, with a vision for a community where all people experience improved health outcomes and have access to high quality, compassionate care.
Dear Graduates,

On behalf of the EVMS Board of Visitors, EVMS Foundation Board of Trustees and EVMS faculty and staff, I congratulate you on reaching this major milestone! Your diligence, commitment and enthusiasm for learning have brought you to this point. These qualities, combined with the knowledge and skills gained at EVMS, will serve you well as you start the next chapter of your careers.

Commencement is a time to celebrate your successes and achievements. It also is a testament to your steadfast dedication to answering an important call to contribute to the health and well-being of communities around the world.

As health professionals, you understand we are living in historic and challenging times that will continue to shape and define your careers. That you have risen to meet the unprecedented challenges of the last few years with grace, courage and resilience makes us even prouder of you. We are confident that you will continue to employ that same energy and determination to benefit the communities you now go on to serve.

You are the future, and we turn to you with high hopes. We expect great things from you in the years ahead, and we look forward to following your careers to revel in your contributions to the changing landscape of health — be that through practicing medicine and health professions, conducting research or teaching the next generation of health and healthcare professionals.

I hope that you draw regularly on your experiences at EVMS to inform your work ahead, and I wish each of you a career filled with success, joy and meaning. I am confident you will make your community — and the world — a healthier place.

Again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

Alfred Abuhamad, MD
President and Provost
Dean of the School of Medicine
Mason C. Andrews Distinguished Professor
in Obstetrics and Gynecology
LETTER FROM ALUMNI RELATIONS

Dear Graduates,

Upon your graduation today, you join more than 13,000 alumni who are practicing in every state and in a host of countries around the globe. You have worked hard and sacrificed much to get here, and we’re immensely proud of what you’ve accomplished. On behalf of everyone at EVMS, please accept my heartfelt congratulations.

Today’s Commencement is more than a celebration — it marks the next phase in your journey. Wherever your training or career may take you now, Alumni Relations will help you have a lifelong connection to your alma mater and our ever-growing network of graduates. We encourage you to keep in touch and let us know about your continued success and achievements.

Wear your alumni pin with pride. You earned it. It represents your “official membership” in a global community of professionals who are accomplishing great things. We want you to know that you will always be a part of the EVMS legacy, and we invite you to return for alumni events — or just for an informal visit.

Please stay connected with us. Continue to do good. And again, congratulations on becoming an EVMS alumnus!

All the best,

Nicole M. Pellegrino
Director, Alumni Relations
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The Board of Visitors is the governing body of EVMS. Members are appointed by the Governor, both houses of the state legislature, the cities that support the school and the EVMS Foundation.

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INFORMATION FOR GUESTS AND GRADUATES

Commencement is a joyous and memorable time for our graduates, and their families and friends. Here are a few tips to ensure all participants enjoy this special occasion.

CEREMONY PROTOCOL
- Processional: Students in the School of Health Professions and School of Medicine will process in first, followed by our distinguished faculty and members of the platform party.
- Seating: Review the arena floor diagram located on page 11 in the program. Graduates will be seated according to their respective programs. Listen carefully, graduates' names will be called in a self-selected order as they cross the stage.
- Hooding: EVMS hoods doctoral candidates on stage. Participants from doctoral programs also have the opportunity to be hooded by family members who have a formal affiliation with EVMS and meet certain criteria. These students will be hooded last in their respective programs.

CEREMONY DECORUM
Guests should maintain the civility and decorum expected at a formal graduation ceremony. In order to make Commencement a memorable event for all involved:
- Please remain seated during the ceremony.
- Please place cell phones and pagers on silent mode.
- Please refrain from excessive cheering to ensure each person's name can be heard.
- Please do not use air horns or noisemakers.
- Please remain seated for the entire ceremony as a sign of respect for all graduates.

DIPLOMAS
Graduates will receive an EVMS diploma cover as they cross the stage. Graduates who have completed all degree requirements will receive their official diploma by mail in late June. All others may pick up their diplomas from the EVMS Registrar after completion of their program requirements.

CONNECTING WITH YOUR GRADUATE
- Encourage those who could not attend today’s ceremony to watch the livestream found at: evms.edu/commencement.
- Immediately following the ceremony, meet your graduate outside on the Scope Plaza.

GUESTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
Accessible seating is available for guests with physical disabilities. Please see a Scope Arena staff member for help locating these areas. Sign language interpretation will be provided for guests seated on the risers closest to the arena floor in section 122.

PHOTOGRAPHY
Feel free to take photos and video from your seat. Please refrain from approaching the arena floor during the ceremony, as this could obstruct the view for other guests or create a safety hazard.

EVMS has partnered with GradImages to capture this exciting milestone. Every student will be photographed as they walk across and alongside the stage. Students will also receive an email from GradImages to the personal, non-EVMS email address they have provided with a link to review the proofs of the photos and an option to purchase.

SOCIAL MEDIA
Don’t forget to share your special day with the EVMS community on social media. Tag @EVMSedu in photos and use the official commencement hashtag, #EVMSGrad2024, when sharing memories and achievements online. Follow @EVMSedu on Facebook, Instagram, X and LinkedIn and subscribe to the EVMS YouTube channel at YouTube.com @EvmsEdu.

PURCHASE FLOWERS FOR YOUR GRADUATE
Commemorate the day by purchasing flowers for your graduate and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the EVMS Fund, supporting the school’s education, research and patient care missions. Limited quantities of roses, spring bouquets and orchid leis will be available for purchase while supplies last at the main entrance on the Concourse Level of Scope before and during the ceremony. Guests who preordered flowers may pick up their orders at the same location.

EVMS MERCHANDISE
EVMS alumni merchandise and memorabilia are for sale at webmedbooks.com/evms. Call 757.446.5819 for more information.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION
In case of an emergency, please remain seated until further instructions are announced. Scope staff will guide guests and graduates to the nearest exit, if needed. If medical attention is needed, please seek out a Scope usher or an EVMS police officer, who will notify on-site emergency responders.

LOST AND FOUND
Inquiries about misplaced items should be directed to the Scope following the ceremony by calling 757.664.6464.
Degrees will be conferred first in the School of Health Professions by highest degree followed by the remaining academic programs based on the year they were established at EVMS. Degrees will be conferred next for the School of Medicine.

Graduates are seated on the arena floor by academic programs in the order in which degrees will be awarded. Likewise, graduates’ names are listed by academic programs in the order in which their respective degrees will be conferred, beginning on page 36 of the Commencement program.
CORE BELIEFS

Our Mission

Eastern Virginia Medical School is an academic health center dedicated to achieving excellence in medical and health professions education, research and patient care. We value creating and fostering a diverse and cohesive faculty, professional staff and student body as the surest way to achieve our mission. Adhering to the highest ethical standards, we will strive to improve the health of our community and to be recognized as a national center of intellectual and clinical strength in medicine and health professions. Our commitment to ensuring institutional effectiveness is demonstrated by the continuous assessment processes we use to improve program performance and student learning outcomes.

Our Vision

Eastern Virginia Medical School will be recognized as the most community-oriented school of medicine and health professions in the nation.

Our Values

Three core values drive our daily efforts:

EXCELLENCE: We determine with our stakeholders what is valuable and hold ourselves to high performance standards that fulfill our promises.

COLLEGIALITY: We serve our community and one another, building strong and mutually supportive relationships. We work as a cooperative, united team to further our purposes of education, research and patient care.

INTEGRITY: We strive to maintain the highest ethical standards and accept accountability for all we do and say.

Our Diversity Statement

The education, research and patient care mission of Eastern Virginia Medical School is shaped by many considerations: the demographics of the surrounding communities, the significant presence of military personnel, retirees and their families, the rural and underserved communities of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the broader national and global need to address gaps in the health workforce and the accessibility of health care.

Eastern Virginia Medical School has a unique history as one of the few institutions in the United States established by the local community to serve the local community. Indeed, its vision is to be the most community-oriented school of medicine and health professions in the nation. In fulfilling that vision, EVMS strives to attract talented students, trainees, faculty, staff and leaders who bring diverse attributes and experience to drive our collective commitment to excellence.

Eastern Virginia Medical School embraces diversity broadly defined, but places a special emphasis on recruitment of women, traditionally underrepresented minorities in medicine and the health professions (African Americans, Latinos, American Indians and Native Alaskans, and Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders), veterans and individuals who come from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds. Acknowledging that diversity is a fluid and evolving concept, we will continually strive to be inclusive of individuals and groups in the broadest possible manner.
ORDER OF EXERCISES

Processional
The National Anthem
Welcome
Remarks

Presentation of Honorary Degree Candidate Honoris Causa
The Honorable S. Chris Jones
Remarks

Presentation of Honorary Degree Candidate Honoris Causa
Garth Graham, MD, MPH
Keynote Address

Class Remarks
Remarks
Presentation of Degree Candidates
Conferring of Degrees
Remarks
Presentation of Degree Candidates
Conferring of Degrees

The Physician Assistant Professional Oath
The Oath of Hippocrates
Alumni Remarks
Recessional

Pomp and Circumstance No. 1 by Sir Edward Elgar
Ashley Brooke Bell

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Rakhshanda Rehmat, School of Health Professions Student Representative, Art Therapy & Counseling, MS Class of 2024
Evan Sebastian Leung, School of Medicine Student Representative, MD Class of 2024

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Alfred Abuhamad, MD, President and Provost, Dean of the School of Medicine
Ronald W. Flenner, MD (MD ’89), Vice Dean, Academic Affairs

Alfred Abuhamad, MD, President and Provost, Dean of the School of Medicine

Kimberly K. Dempsey, EdD, MPA, PA-C (MPA ’03), Director, Physician Assistant (MPA and DMSc)
Ronald W. Flenner, MD (MD ’89), Vice Dean, Academic Affairs

Jeniffer M. Campo, MD (MD ’98, Residency ’01), Chair, EVMS Alumni Board
COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

Platform Party

Alfred Abuhamad, MD
President and Provost
Dean, School of Medicine

Marta Agata Ambrozewicz, MD, PhD
(PhD ’09, Fellowship ’11)
Director, Anatomical Sciences

Jordan R. Asher, MD, MS
Executive Vice President and Chief Physician Executive, Sentara Health

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Chair, EVMS Foundation Board of Trustees

I.D. Britt, MD, MPH
Vice Dean, Clinical Affairs

Milton L. Brown, MD, PhD
Vice Dean, Research

Jeniffer M. Campo, MD
(Residency ’01, MD ’98)
Chair, EVMS Alumni Board

Li-Wu Chen, PhD, MHSA
Dean, School of Public Health, Old Dominion University

Jay N. Collins, MD (Residency ’98)
Professor, Surgery

C. Donald Combs, PhD
Vice President and Dean, School of Health Professions

Brant M. Cox, MBA
Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

R. Clinton Crews, PsyD, MPH
Assistant Dean, Admissions & Enrollment
Director, Surgical Assisting
(Certificate and MS)

Deborah H. Damon, PhD
Director, Biomedical Sciences - Medical

Kimberly K. Dempsey, EdD, MPA, PA-C
(MPA ’03)
Director, Physician Assistant
(MPA and DMSc)

Ronald W. Flenner, MD (MD ’89)
Vice Dean, Academic Affairs

Marissa C. Galicia-Castillo, MD, MSEd
(MD ’97, Residency ’00)
Director, EVMS Glennan Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology
Director, Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship

Peggy E. Gesing, PhD
Director, Medical and Health Professions Education (MS and PhD)

David R. Golay
Registrar

Garth Graham, MD, MPH
Commencement Speaker

Adam Hembree, MA
Commencement Reader

Brian O. Hemphill, PhD
President, Old Dominion University

Helen S. Heselius, CPA
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Assistant Vice Dean, Clinical Education

Michael H. Hooper, MD, MSc
Vice President and Chief Academic Officer, Sentara Health

Alireza Hosseini, MD
Director, Laboratory Animal Science

Jorge L. Jacot, PhD
Director, Pathologists’ Assistant & Histotechnology

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EVMS Board of Visitors

Mily J. Kannarkat, MD (MD ’06)
Assistant Vice Dean, Pre-Clinical Education

Thomas D. Kimble, MD (Residency ’08)
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School of Medicine Student Representative
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Director, Master of Public Health

Liisa Ortegon, DBA
President, Sentara Norfolk General Hospital

Stacy R. Purcell, JD, MHA
Vice President and General Counsel

Rakhshanda Rehmat
School of Health Professions
Student Representative
ATC Class of 2024

Mary M. Roberts, PhD, LPC-ACS, ATR-BC, ATCS (MS ’97)
Director, Art Therapy and Counseling (Certificate and MS)

Cynthia C. Romero, MD (MD ’93)
Director, M. Foscue Brock Institute for Community and Global Health

Gregory T. Scott, PhD
Director, Doctor of Health Sciences

Julie E. Stoner, PhD, MPH
Assistant Dean, Administration and Engagement, Academic Affairs

David A. Taylor-Fishwick, PhD
Director, Biomedical Sciences (MS and PhD)

Bonnie Van Lunen, PhD, MEd
Dean, College of Health Sciences, Old Dominion University

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Assistant Dean, Pre-Clinical Education

Glenn A. Yap, PhD, MBA, MS
Director, Healthcare Administration

Natalie Young, MA
Commencement Reader

Liang Yu, PhD, MS
(Fellowship ’15, MS ’20)
Director, Reproductive Clinical Science (MS and PhD)
COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

Marshals

The tradition of academic marshals comes from storied English universities.

In academic ceremonies, the grand or chief marshal is the chief protocol officer who coordinates the ceremonial traditions of Commencement, including the processional and recessional. The chief marshal also is historically responsible for the school’s relics, including the mace and the baton, and is a member of the faculty.

Marshals also carry gonfalons, or banners suspended on crossbars, representing the different schools or groups in a processional. Gonfalons originated in 12th-century Italy to represent various districts or quarters and are symbols of state or office, often displaying a coat of arms. They were carried in processions by chief magistrates or other elected officials.

EVMS marshals carry gonfalons to represent and announce the arrival of the platform party, members of the faculty, the School of Health Professions and the School of Medicine. The 2024 EVMS marshals are:

Marissa C. Galicia-Castillo, MD, MSEd
(MD ‘97, Residency ’00)
Chief Marshal
John Franklin Distinguished Chair for Geriatrics
Director, Glennan Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology

David R. Golay
Platform Party Marshal
Registrar

Jay N. Collins, MD
(Fellowship ’98)
Faculty Marshal
Arthur and Marie Kirk Family Chair
Professor, Surgery

Laurie L. Wellman, PhD
School of Medicine Marshal
Assistant Dean, Pre-Clinical Education
Professor and Vice Chair, Pathology and Anatomy

Liang Yu, PhD, MS
(Fellowship ’15, MS ’20)
School of Health Professions Marshal
Associate Professor and Director,
Reproductive Clinical Science - Embryology and Andrology (MS and PhD)
COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

The Presidential Seal, Medallion and Chain of Office

The presidential medallion is 3 inches in diameter, crafted with antique silver and blue enamel, and reveals the presidential seal. The presidential medallion anchors the chain of office. Chains of office, also known as collars, were badges of office in the Middle Ages. Today, they are metal necklaces, permanent parts of an institution’s president’s academic regalia, and are worn at formal ceremonial events. The EVMS chain of office, commissioned in 2013, depicts the former presidents and their terms of office at EVMS.

The presidential seal is one of an academic institution’s most important symbols of office, the legal mark of the school’s governing body. The seal is used to authenticate official documents such as diplomas and other legal records.

The EVMS presidential seal, a symbol of Eastern Virginia Medical School and the Eastern Virginia Medical Authority (EVMA), depicts triple interlocking strands representing the essential relationships needed for an excellent regional academic health network. Patient care, learning and scholarly endeavor, organized in a coherent regional healthcare and educational system, reflect the talents and resources needed to provide quality services.

The intertwined loops also represent the communities of Eastern Virginia which, working together, can achieve a degree of healthcare that none of them alone can attain. Finally, the symbol emphasizes the essential need for collaborative efforts among healthcare professionals and institutions – hospitals, colleges, universities, the medical school and the medical authority – if quality healthcare is to be fully achieved in Eastern Virginia. It is to this end, then, that the EVMS and the EVMA are dedicated.

The EVMS presidential seal is also depicted on the mace, the baton and the diplomas.

The Mace

Academic maces, ornamental staffs, are descended from war clubs carried in medieval times by the body guards of civil officers. The mace is one of the oldest traditions in academia dating back to the early 1400s when it transitioned from warfare to ceremonial use. An academic mace symbolizes the authority invested in the president by the school’s governing body. Because the mace is a symbol of the presidential authority as a school’s legal representative with the right to govern, it is carried in procession immediately before the president. When the mace is present, the authority of the institution is present.

The EVMS mace was commissioned in 2013 and is carried by the rector of the Board of Visitors. It is 54 inches tall, lathed from cherry and depicts an antique silver presidential seal and the EVMS logo. The head is topped with an antique silver flame.

The Baton

Small wooden staffs are carried in academic processions by marshals, the academic term for ushers. Also known by the old English term “beadles,” marshals march with their batons at the head of the degree candidates or faculty from each school, leading the way in the academic procession. Historically, beadles were minor church officials who served as ushers and kept order during services. Their batons were actually miniature war clubs.

The EVMS baton, commissioned in 2013, is carried by the chief marshal. It is 20 inches tall, lathed from cherry, depicts the presidential seal and is a replica of the mace.
COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

Academic Regalia

Today’s academic regalia — the robes and the distinctive “hoods” presented to graduates — originated in medieval Europe where clothing color and material signified an individual’s wealth and stature.

The hood was the normal medieval headwear, but gradually there developed distinctive gowns and a colored lining to signify various professions, trades and religious orders. In 14th-century England, the statutes of certain colleges forbade “excess in apparel” and dictated the wearing of a long gown. In the days of Henry VIII of England, Oxford and Cambridge universities first began prescribing a definite academic dress and controlled even minor details. By the 17th century, if not earlier, these colors were strictly controlled, so that anyone could identify, from the color of a graduate’s hood, the university and the degree. In 1895, representatives of America's leading academic institutions met to adopt a code of academic dress. Besides regulating the cut, style and materials of the gowns, the code prescribed the colors that were to represent the different fields of learning.

Today, with few exceptions, the academic robes are black and the colors of the hood reflect the field of learning and academic institution. Gowns for the bachelor’s and master’s degrees are untrimmed. For the doctoral-level degree, the gown is faced with velvet panels and three bars of velvet used across the sleeves. These facings and crossbars may be black or of the color appropriate to the degree.

Mortarboards and tams are also part of the academic regalia. Doctoral level candidates, faculty and administration wear six-sided velvet tams. Master-level candidates, faculty and other participants wear mortarboards.

EVMS’ colors by academic program are as follows:

School of Health Professions

Dark Blue: Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences; Doctor of Philosophy in Reproductive Clinical Science-Embryology and Andrology; Doctor of Philosophy in Medical and Health Professions Education (black gown with dark blue velvet front panels and side bars, dark blue hood and gold tassel)

Light Blue: Doctor of Education in Medical and Health Professions Education (black gown with light blue velvet front panels and side bars, light blue hood and gold tassel); Master of Medical and Health Professions Education (black gown with light blue hood and black tassel)

Gold: Doctor of Health Sciences (black gown with gold velvet front panels and side bars, gold hood and gold tassel); Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences (Medical, Research); Master of Science in Reproductive Clinical Science-Embryology and Andrology; Master of Science in Laboratory Animal Science; Master of Anatomical Sciences; Master of Health Sciences-Pathologists’ Assistant; Master of Healthcare Analytics; and Master of Histotechnology (black gown with gold hood and black tassel)

Hunter Green: Doctor of Medical Science (black gown with hunter green velvet front panels and side bars, hunter green hood and gold tassel); Master of Physician Assistant and Master of Surgical Assisting (black gown with hunter green hood and black tassel)

Olive Green: Master of Healthcare Administration (black gown with olive green hood and black tassel)

Peacock: Master of Science in Art Therapy and Counseling (black gown with peacock hood and black tassel)

Salmon: Master of Public Health (black gown with salmon hood and black tassel)

School of Medicine

Hunter Green: Doctor of Medicine (black gown with hunter green velvet panels and side bars, hunter green hood and gold tassel)
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Garth Graham, MD, MPH
Director and Global Head of Healthcare and Public Health Partnerships at YouTube and Google Health

A cardiologist, researcher and public health expert, Dr. Graham previously served in two U.S. administrations as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health.

In addition, Dr. Graham was Assistant Dean for Health Policy and Chief of Health Services Research in the Department of Medicine at the University of Florida College of Medicine, President of the Aetna Foundation and Vice President and Chief Community Health Officer at CVS Health. He currently serves on several boards, including the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Advisory Council; the Institute of Medicine Board on Population Health and the board of the National Quality Forum.

An elected member of the National Academy of Medicine, Dr. Graham earned his medical degree at Yale School of Medicine and his Master of Public Health degree at Yale School of Public Health. He completed clinical training at Massachusetts General Hospital and Johns Hopkins where he worked in cardiology and interventional cardiology.

Dr. Graham holds board certifications in internal medicine, cardiology and interventional cardiology. He is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology and holds an honorary doctorate from Regis College.
THE HONORARY DEGREE

EVMS grants honorary degrees to those who have made significant, far-reaching contributions to society. Recipients must have qualities and records of achievement that warrant recognition by an educational institution, particularly from EVMS, as recipients are forever associated with the school.

S. CHRIS JONES

S. Chris Jones is a former Mayor of the City of Suffolk and served as a member of Suffolk City Council for more than a decade. He represented portions of the cities of Suffolk and Chesapeake as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates for 22 years. Some of Mr. Jones’ other accomplishments include serving as Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and as a member of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission.

He attended Randolph-Macon College and graduated from the Medical College of Virginia with a BS in Pharmacy. In 1985 Mr. Jones opened Bennett’s Creek Pharmacy in Suffolk at the age of 27 where he and his wife, Karen Harrison Jones, worked together until 2019.

Karen, his wife of nearly 38 years, passed away earlier this year after a long and courageous battle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. He is the proud father of Kaitlin Jones Hinchey.

Mr. Jones is a past recipient of the Outstanding Leadership, Innovation and Excellence in Virginia’s Higher Education System award from the Virginia Business Higher Education Council, and the Legislator of the Year Award from the Virginia Academy of Family Physicians, along with many other honors.

Mr. Jones formerly served as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy and Pharmaceuticals and Preceptor at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy. Since 2022, he has served on the EVMS Board of Visitors.

Mr. Jones’ past memberships include the Virginia Pharmacists Association, the National Community Pharmacist Association and the International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists.

RECIPIENT OF HONORARY DEGREE

S. CHRIS JONES

The Honorable Chris Jones is a man of deep faith, science and a public servant whose love and concern for his fellow man has dedicated his life to the betterment of his community.

As a pharmacist, Mr. Jones was a vital member of his community. He served as a partner in health for generations of families throughout the area. He brought that same level of passion to his role as a member of Suffolk City Council, including his role as Mayor.

During his 22 years of service in the Virginia legislature, Mr. Jones continued to employ his exemplary leadership skills in service to his constituents. Committed to good governance, he worked vigilantly for the people of Hampton Roads to protect the public health and well-being of the region.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee and Chairman, Mr. Jones was a constant ally of higher education and a tremendous advocate for EVMS. Year after year, he was instrumental in helping EVMS secure critical state funding necessary to support the school’s growth and to ensure the continuation of the school’s important community-based mission. As a member of the EVMS Board of Visitors, Mr. Jones has continued to be a faithful friend. He has been an invaluable advisor during discussions leading toward the upcoming integration with Old Dominion University.

In recognition of his selfless service, his support for the advancement of medicine and health and his dedication to the people of Hampton Roads, the EVMS Board of Visitors has conferred upon Mr. Jones the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa.
THE HONORARY DEGREE

Recipient of Honorary Degree
Garth Graham, MD, MPH

Garth Graham, MD, MPH, is a model physician-scientist, leading public health authority, humanitarian and influential advocate for health equity.

Dr. Graham’s holistic approach to medicine and health has helped advance the health of millions. From his early years as a practicing cardiologist to leading Google and YouTube’s digital health initiatives, Dr. Graham has placed an emphasis on understanding the whole patient.

His passion for valuing the impact of social and environmental challenges on health and healthcare has earned him praise from his patients. It has also established him as a leading voice in the movement to embrace the importance of the social determinants of health and the profound effect they can have on quality of life.

Inspired by his mother’s dedication to her patients, Dr. Graham developed a lifelong commitment to improving outcomes for underserved patients.

His impact extends far beyond the bedside. As Director and Global Head of Healthcare and Public Health Partnerships for YouTube, Dr. Graham has guided an ambitious plan to deliver credible health information while offering physicians an opportunity to share their knowledge with a worldwide audience.

Dr. Graham also made invaluable contributions to public health policy during his time as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health for two U.S. administrations. He is a leader in organized medicine, championing a range of issues from public health, to human rights, minority health and men’s health.

In recognition of his commitment to health equity, social change and his meaningful impact on global health, the EVMS Board of Visitors has conferred upon Dr. Graham the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa.
AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

School of Health Professions Awards

The Award for Excellence in the Pathologists’ Assistant Program is presented annually to graduating students who have distinguished themselves with the highest performance in the Pathologists’ Assistant program.

Meg Blouch
Lisa Chan
Kaylee Shook

The David E. Scott, PhD, Award honors Dr. David E. Scott, from EVMS Pathology, who as a non-Physician Assistant provided instruction and support to the program since its inception in 1999. It is awarded annually by the Master of Physician Assistant program in Dr. Scott’s memory to a non-Physician Assistant who has had an enduring impact on the growth, maturation and ongoing excellence of the PA program.

Felicia M. Toreno, PhD

The Eugene Stead Jr., MD, Award honors the founder of the Physician Assistant profession, who started the first Physician Assistant program at Duke University in 1965. It is awarded to the graduating Physician Assistant student who best exemplifies the profession’s ideals of courage, humility and wisdom when applying technical skills, scientific knowledge and human understanding to the care of the suffering.

Annika Aileen Hussey

The EVMS Alumni Association HP Student Service Award is awarded annually to the graduating health professions student who demonstrates academic achievement as well as outstanding service to the class and Eastern Virginia Medical School.

Alayna L. Roberts

The EVMS School of Health Professions Award for Community Service is presented annually by the Student Government Association and recognizes graduating health professions students who demonstrate personal commitment to community service through volunteer participation in EVMS outreach or other initiatives in Hampton Roads and beyond. The recipients of this award will have made significant contributions to benefit the community, organization or people served.

Jacqueline Ophelia Baran
Maura Grace Simokaitis

The EVMS Student Government Association HP Leadership Award is awarded annually to a graduating health professions student who has demonstrated significant achievement in leadership.

Katelyn Nicole Glover

The Gary Dean Hodgen, PhD, Award for Excellence in Reproductive Clinical Science is given to a graduating student who has demonstrated excellence in research techniques and discovery.

Luiz Fernand Amaral Colturato

The Georgeanna Seegar Jones, MD, Award for Academic Achievement in Reproductive Clinical Science is given annually to an outstanding graduating student from the Master of Reproductive Clinical Science program in recognition of academic excellence. This award was created in memory of Dr. Jones and her innumerable contributions to the diagnosis and treatment of infertility.

Michael Britt

The Mason C. Andrews Award for All-Around Excellence in the Reproductive Clinical Science Master's Program is given to a graduating student in the Reproductive Clinical Science Master's Program in recognition of all-around excellence in academics and research. This award was created in memory of Dr. Andrews, who died in October 2006, for his great contributions to EVMS, the Jones Institute for Reproductive Medicine and academic medicine.

Bailey Kathryn Morris

The PARagon Award is presented annually to a graduating Physician Assistant student who best excels in supervised clinical practice by increasing his or her knowledge base, clinical skills, competency and medical artistry.

Tyler Steven Perkins

The Paul J. Fink, MD, Outstanding Art Therapist Award is awarded annually to a member of the graduating Art Therapy and Counseling class for academic, clinical and research excellence.

Rakhshanda Rehmat

The Physician Assistant Preceptor of the Year Award is awarded by the graduating Physician Assistant class. This individual is selected for excellence in clinical teaching and mentoring.

Mark A. East, MD

The Surgical Assisting Anatomy Award is presented annually to a member of the graduating Master of Surgical Assisting class for academic performance of Clinical Oriented Anatomy.

Madeline Rosemarie Stevens

The Surgical Assisting Faculty Award is presented annually to a faculty member for outstanding service during the didactic year.

Jessica Wilhelm, MSA, LSA, CSA, F-PRS

The Surgical Assisting Preceptor Award is presented annually to a preceptor for outstanding service during the clinical year.

Lauren Budyta, LSA, CSA
AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

School of Health Professions Awards

The Timothy J. Bos Memorial Award in Biomedical Sciences annually recognizes a graduating student from the Master of Biomedical Sciences Program who performed their research in the fields of Microbiology and/or Cancer Biology, who demonstrated outstanding scholastic achievement and exemplified the principles of collegiality and integrity. The award was established in memory of a faculty member in EVMS Microbiology and Molecular Cell Biology who dedicated his life to the training of students and research at the intersection of Microbiology and Cancer Biology.
Samantha Jo McGuire

The Virginia Association of Surgical Assistants Award is presented annually to a member of the graduating Master of Surgical Assisting class for excellence in academic and clinical training.
Elizabeth Fabiano

School of Medicine Awards

The Abraham Jacobi Award is presented annually by EVMS Pediatrics to a graduating medical student who demonstrates a genuine commitment to pediatrics and academic excellence, and who exhibits compassion, honesty and a sincere dedication to the care of children.
Virginia Peyton Evans

The Award for Excellence in Addiction Medicine is presented annually by EVMS Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences to a member of the graduating medical class who has shown outstanding achievement and interest in the field of addiction medicine.
Jason Travis Bard

The Award for Excellence in Neuroscience is presented annually by EVMS Pathology and Anatomy to a member of the graduating medical class who has shown outstanding achievement and interest in the field of neuroscience.
Irene Mary Peppiatt

The Award for Excellence in Psychiatry is presented annually by EVMS Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences to a member of the graduating medical class who has demonstrated exemplary performance in the study of psychiatry.
Kelly Marie Bryant

The Desmond R.H. Gourley Award for Excellence in Pharmacology is presented annually by EVMS Physiological Sciences to a graduating medical student to recognize excellence in the understanding and appreciation of the pharmacological principles of therapeutics.
Daniel George Sausen

The Edward Levy Award is given annually by EVMS Internal Medicine to a graduating student in recognition of excellence in internal medicine.
Michael McCrae Eason

The Evelyn Lin, MD, Memorial Award is presented annually by EVMS Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation to a graduating medical student for outstanding achievement in physical medicine and rehabilitation. The award was established as a memorial to Dr. Lin, who received her medical degree from EVMS in 1995.
Rayghan Schultz Larick Haskell

The EVMS Alumni Association MD Student Service Award is given annually to the graduating medical student who demonstrates academic achievement as well as outstanding service to the class and Eastern Virginia Medical School.
Evan Sebastian Leung

The EVMS School of Medicine Award for Community Service is presented annually by the Student Government Association and recognizes graduating medical students who demonstrate personal commitment to community service through volunteer participation in EVMS outreach or other initiatives in Hampton Roads and beyond. The recipients of this award will have made significant contributions to benefit the community, organization or people served.
Megan Nicole Duggins
Rayghan Schultz Larick Haskell

The EVMS Student Government Association MD Leadership Award is awarded to a graduating medical student who has demonstrated significant achievement in leadership.
Evan Sebastian Leung

The Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award is presented annually by the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine to a graduating medical student for outstanding achievement in emergency medicine.
Megan Nicole Duggins
AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

School of Medicine Awards

The Gary L. Pittenger and David E. Scott Award for Excellence in the Anatomical Sciences is presented annually to a graduating medical student to recognize academic excellence in the anatomical sciences in memory of Gary L. Pittenger, PhD, and David E. Scott, PhD. Drs. Pittenger and Scott were members of EVMS Pathology and Anatomy who devoted their professional lives to scholarship in the anatomical sciences.

Dustin Runzo

The James F. Lind Sr., MD, Award is given annually by EVMS Surgery to the graduating medical student who demonstrates an outstanding knowledge of surgical principles and commitment to excellence in attaining the standards of academic surgery, and who exemplifies the qualities of a self-directed and lifelong learner.

Molly Elizabeth Sternick

The John Franklin Award is presented each year by EVMS Internal Medicine to a graduating medical student for demonstrated excellence in internal medicine.

Irene Mary Peppiatt

The Lloyd Damsey, MD, Memorial Award is given annually by EVMS Family and Community Medicine to the graduating medical student who best demonstrates a commitment to the ideals of family and community medicine, overall academic excellence, outstanding service to the school and community, and innovative research activities.

Devon Thomas Dryer

The Mason C. Andrews Citizen Scholar Award is presented annually by EVMS Obstetrics and Gynecology to the graduating medical student who demonstrates excellence in both academic achievements and community service, humbly working behind the scenes to make our environment a better place in which to work and live, thereby emulating the vision and spirit of Dr. Mason C. Andrews.

Miranda Nicole Teixeira

The Medical Student Obstetrics and Gynecology Performance Award is presented annually to a graduating medical student in recognition of exemplary performance in obstetrics and gynecology.

Kari Rebecca Flicker

The Melissa Warfield, MD, Humanism in Medicine Award is presented annually to a fourth-year medical student who exemplifies the qualities of Dr. Melissa Warfield: a caring and compassionate role model and leader who embodies service through his or her actions in peer teaching, peer guidance, community service and patient-centered medicine.

Julianna Tara Marie Remo

The Military Medicine Award is presented annually by EVMS Academic Affairs to the graduating military medical student who has exemplified the highest degree of integrity, professionalism, and selfless service throughout their years at EVMS. This student’s dual commitment to outstanding performance in doctoring and their military duties demonstrates great promise as they transition from EVMS student to United States Military Officer.

Michael McCrae Eason

The Raymond V. van Wolkenten Memorial Faculty Award is given to a Ghent Family Practice faculty member who best exemplifies teaching and clinical service.

Michael Kopec, MD

The Raymond V. van Wolkenten Memorial Student Award is given to a graduating student committed to Family Medicine, showing an appreciation for the full breadth and scope of the specialty.

Elizabeth Suzanne Lindsay

The Robert Campe Goodman and Augusta S. Goodman Award is presented annually by EVMS Academic Affairs to a graduating medical student on the basis of both academic excellence and unselfish concern for others.

Irene Mary Peppiatt

The Robert J. Faulconer Gold Medal is awarded annually by EVMS Pathology and Anatomy to the graduating medical student who has demonstrated superior achievement in pathology.

Abes Alexandra Bautista Neughebauer

The Sigfred Award is presented to the graduating student who has demonstrated superior knowledge, skills and capacity for learning in Diagnostic Radiology, and who shows great enthusiasm for the discipline.

Imadul Haque

The Sir William Osler Awards are given each year to an intern, a resident, an attending physician, a basic scientist and a community faculty preceptor by the graduating medical students in recognition of excellence in teaching:

Omar Jafar, MD, Outstanding Intern
Aaron E. Mills, MD, Outstanding Physician
Alexander C. Liles, MD, Outstanding Resident
AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Honor Societies

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, a professional medical organization, recognizes and advocates for excellence in scholarship and the highest ideals in the profession of medicine. AΩA values include honesty, honorable conduct, morality, virtue, unselfishness, ethical ideals, dedication to serving others, and leadership. The top 25 percent of a medical school class is eligible for nomination to the society.

Junior AΩA Inductees

- Samuel David Dickerson
- Nathaniel Andrew Faber
- Elizabeth Fitch
- Irene Mary Peppiat
- Troy Michael Williams

Senior AΩA Inductees

- Abes Alexandra Bautista Neughebauer
- Stephanie Rose Bennett
- David Alexander Brodnik
- Isabelle Detragiache Brown
- Madeleine Chassé
- Christian James Coulson
- Maymona Dulli
- Michael McCrae Eason
- Virginia Peyton Evans
- Matilda Francis
- Hannah M. James
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- Lydia Lukomski
- Rylie Nicole Mainville
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Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health encourages research and scholarship among graduate students of public health and recognizes achievement in the field. Delta Omega elects new student, faculty, alumni and honorary members each year based on high academic standards and outstanding performance in scholarship, teaching, research and community service. This year's inductees to the Alpha Kappa Chapter of the Delta Omega at Eastern Virginia Medical School are:

Student Inductees

- Samantha Brown
- Nia Nashea Cook
- Shanasia Karin Freeman
- Bethany Grace

Faculty Inductees

- Ateeqa Ijaz
- Alayna L. Roberts
- Tonya J. Swarey

Honorary Inductees

- Mohammad Ebrahimi Kalan, PhD
- Aditya Chakraborty, PhD

Alumni Inductees

- Robert Chassé, MD
- Mercy Ohiaeriaku, MPH (MPH ’13)
- Brett Sierra, MPH, DHSc (MPH ’15, DHSc ’20)
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AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Honor Societies

Gold Humanism Honor Society honors medical students, residents, role-model physician teachers and other exemplars recognized for “demonstrated excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service.”

A special thank you to The Arnold P. Gold Foundation for its support of the Gold Humanism Honor Society Chapter at Eastern Virginia Medical School.

Student Inductees

Vishal Aggroia
Asma Maryam Azam
Jason Travis Bard
Katherine Jane Becker
Jeb Black
Samuel David Dickerson
Devon Thomas Dryer
Megan Nicole Duggins
Virginia Peyton Evans
Abby Leigh Hargis
Yunjoo April Hwang
Hannah M. James
Rayghan Schultz Larick Haskell
Jonathan James Light
Elizabeth Suzanne Lindsay
Nour Mhaimeed
Joshua Thomas Payne
Irene Mary Peppiat
Catherine Elizabeth Read
Juliana Tara Marie Remo
Sumer Dicle Sebik
Lavinia Mumtaz Wainwright

Resident Inductees

Rebecca Bohlmann, DO
Grayson Mast, MD
Arnold Nadel, MD
Justin Navarro, DO
Vivian Tran, DO
Jasmine Wood, MD

Gold Foundation Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Student Award:
Julianna Tara Marie Remo

Gold Foundation Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Faculty Award:
Jessica Quirk, MD

Thomas R. Pellegrino Humanism in Medicine Gold Reflex Hammer Award:
J. Bryan Carmody, MD, MPH

Pi Alpha Honor Society is the national honor society organized for the promotion and recognition of both physician assistant students and graduates. Membership signifies the inductees’ significant academic achievement and honors them for leadership, research, community and professional service, and other related activities. The society also encourages a high standard of character and conduct among students and graduates.

Student Inductees

Joanne Collantes Aquino
Paddy Bibizadeh
Christina Chung
Annika Aileen Hussey
Vy Tuong Vu Nguyen
Tyler Steven Perkins
Amanda Bailey Peroe
Matthew Lewis Pitts
Katie Leann Sexton
Kathleen Eva Wahl
Chandler Paige Winnie

Honorary Inductee
Abdul Jamaludeen, MD

Preceptor of the Year
Mark A. East, MD

Upsilon Phi Delta Honor Society recognizes students, faculty, healthcare executives and administrators, and to those contributing to the healthcare administration profession who meet the national and local standards. Graduate student members must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 and all members must conduct themselves consistent with the Program’s values of Integrity, Diversity, Inclusiveness, Excellence, and Cultural Sensitivity. The inaugural student inductees to the EVMS Chapter of Upsilon Phi Delta Honor Society are:

Israt Jahan
Mary Bernadette Johnson
AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2024 Military Graduates

EVMS’ Military Commissioning Ceremony was held Thursday, May 16, 2024, in McCombs Auditorium on the EVMS campus. Listed below, graduating physician assistant and public health students were honored and medical students were commissioned into service in the United States Armed Forces. EVMS is honored to recognize our military graduates from the Class of 2024:

UNITED STATES ARMY

Samuel David Dickerson
Captain
MD Class of 2024

Elizabeth Fitch
Captain
MD Class of 2024

UNITED STATES NAVY

Christian James Coulson
Lieutenant
MD Class of 2024

Michael McCrae Eason
Lieutenant
MD Class of 2024

Shanasia Karin Freeman
Lieutenant Junior Grade
MPH Class of 2024

Casey Marie Fryer
Lieutenant Junior Grade
MPH Class of 2024

Carly Ruth Kliment
Lieutenant Junior Grade
MPA Class of 2024

Lilian C. Nagle
Lieutenant
MD Class of 2024

Pallavi Laxmi Samudralla
Lieutenant
MD Class of 2024

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Joshua Thomas Payne
Captain
MD Class of 2024

Daniel George Sausen
Lieutenant
MD Class of 2024

Tiana Ariane Sotepenra
Lieutenant Junior Grade
MPA Class of 2024
AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Atif Niaz  
MD Class of 2025  
Student Body President

Eric Gullborg  
MD Class of 2025  
Student Body Vice President

Sarah Alnaif  
MD Class of 2024  
Vice President of Administration

Danxun Li  
MD Class of 2026  
Vice President of Finances

Maura Grace Simokaitis  
MPA Class of 2024  
Vice President of Health Professions

Evan Sebastian Leung  
MD Class of 2024  
Vice President of Community Outreach

Katelyn Nicole Glover  
MPA Class of 2024  
Vice President of Wellness

Mahlete Yared  
MD Class of 2025  
Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The EVMS Student Government Association Staff Recognition Award is given annually to a staff member in recognition of outstanding service to students. The 2024 award was presented to Allison P. Knight, PhD.
FACULTY AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

FINE FAMILY ACADEMY OF EDUCATORS

In 2018, the Fine family established the Fine Family Academy of Educators to recognize and elevate the status of healthcare educators who have made outstanding contributions to the EVMS community through sustained excellence in teaching, curriculum innovation, scholarship and educational leadership. A professional learning community in on-going pursuit of educational excellence and scholarship, the Fine Family Academy of Educators is highly regarded in advancing educators — and education — both locally and nationally. The inaugural class of the Fine Family Academy of Educators was inducted in September 2019. The Fine family has made it a personal legacy to give back to the community in which they reside and seek healthcare. EVMS is grateful for their continued leadership and their dedication to the institution. Their philanthropy through the decades has given EVMS scholarships, an academic honor, awarded faculty grants and named the Academy of Educators.

MEMBERS

Amanda K. Burbage, PhD
Assistant Professor, School of Health Professions, Medical and Health Professions Education Programs

Anjeza Cipi, MD (MD '15)
Assistant Professor, Emergency Medicine

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Professor, Emergency Medicine
Vice Dean, Graduate Medical Education & ACGME DIO

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Assistant Dean, Admissions and Enrollment

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Director, Doctor of Medical Sciences Program

Carlee N. Demeter MLS
Instructor, Pathology and Anatomy

Catherine J.F. Derber, MD (MD '99)
Professor, Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases

Anca D. Dobrian, PhD, FAHA
Professor, Physiological Sciences
Vice Dean, Faculty Affairs and Professional Development

LaConda G. Fanning PsyD
Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine, Director, Graduate Medical Education Early Assessment and Mentoring Program
Associate Director, Britt Pre-Faculty Development Program
FACULTY AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Lisa G. Fore-Arcand, EdD
Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences,
Assistant Dean, Continuing Medical Education

Cory Gerwe, PhD
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Director, Medical and Health Professions Education Programs

Shaniece L. Geter, MEd
Educator, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Career Advisor, Medical Education

Charles S. Graffeo, MD
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Natascha Heise, PhD
Assistant Professor, Pathology and Anatomy

Uzoma S. Ikonne, PhD
Associate Professor, Physiological Sciences

Mily J. Kannarkat, MD (MD ’06)
Associate Professor, Medicine, Sue Faulkner Scribner Distinguished Professorship in Geriatrics
Assistant Vice Dean, Preclinical Education

Julie A. Kerry, PhD
Professor and Chair, Microbiology and Molecular Cell Biology
EVMS Foundation Distinguished Professor in Biomedical Sciences

Rajasekaran Koteeswaran, MD, MBBS
Professor, Microbiology and Molecular Cell Biology

Bruce M. Lo, MD, MBA
Professor and Residency Assistant Program Director, Emergency Medicine

Lauren W. Mazzurco, DO
Associate Professor, Medicine, Division of Geriatric Medicine
Medical Director, Hospice and Palliative Care, Hampton VA Medical Center
FACULTY AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

April McGuire, MMHPE
Residency/Fellowship Program Specialist, Dermatology

Andrew W. Moore, MD
Assistant Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology

Renee C. Morales, MD
Assistant Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology

Elza Mylona, PhD, MBA
Founding Director of the Fine Family Academy of Educators, Adjunct Professor, Medicine

Heather L. Newton, EdD
Assistant Professor, Pediatrics,
Executive Director, Graduate Medical Education

April A. Pace, DHSc (DHSc ’21), MLS
Educator, School of Health Professions
Associate Director, Brickell Medical Sciences Library

Lauren K. Paluch, DMSc, MPA, PA-C
Assistant Professor, School of Health Professions, Master of Physician Assistant Program

Mohan Pant, PhD
Associate Professor, School of Health Professions, Master of Public Health Program

Agatha C. Parks-Savage, EdD
Professor, Family and Community Medicine,
Associate Dean, Graduate Medical Education

Jessica L. Quirk, MD (Family & Community Medicine Residency ’19)
Assistant Professor, Family and Community Medicine

Arun M. Ram, MBBS, MD
Professor, Physiological Sciences

Alice A. Roberts, MD, PhD
Antoinette F. Hood, MD Professor in Dermatology
Assistant Director, Fine Family Academy of Educators
Assistant Professor, Dermatology

Christopher M. Roberts, MPA, PA-C
Assistant Professor, School of Health Professions, Master of Physician Assistant Program

Brett J. Sierra, DHSc, MPH
Assistant Professor, School of Health Professions, Master of Public Health Program

John E. Snellings, MD (MD ’10, Family & Community Medicine Residency ’14)
Associate Professor and Chair, Family and Community Medicine
Glenn R. Mitchell Chair in Generalist Medicine
FACULTY AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Sami G. Tahhan, MD (MD ’99, Internal Medicine Residency ’02)
Professor, Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine
Associate Chair for Faculty Development
EVMS/Sentara Endowed Chair for Academic Leadership Advancement in Internal Medicine

David A. Taylor-Fishwick, PhD
Professor and Vice Chair, Microbiology and Molecular Cell Biology
Director, Biomedical Sciences PhD and Masters Graduate Programs

Judith C. Taylor-Fishwick, MSc
Assistant Professor, Pediatrics
Director, Professional Development
Director, Fine Family Academy of Educators
Director, Faculty Mentoring

Glenn A. Yap, PhD
Associate Professor, School of Health Professions,
Director, Master of Healthcare Administration Program

Lauren C. Yoho, MHS, PA
Assistant Professor, Pathology and Anatomy

ACADEMIC HONORS

At EVMS, an academic honor is bestowed upon a faculty member who exemplifies excellence in his or her field, delivering on the promise of EVMS to improve community and global health through education, patient care and research. EVMS Faculty Affairs and Professional Development present formal nominations of deserving faculty to the president and provost for approval by the Board of Visitors. Each academic honor is supported through a donor-endowed fund with four levels determined by the endowed fund amount: distinguished chair, chair, distinguished professorship, and professorship. A symbol of excellence in academia, the academic honor enables EVMS to invest in the teachers, researchers and care providers at the core of our mission, and bring the best and brightest to Hampton Roads. Many thanks to our generous donors, EVMS recognizes these outstanding faculty who currently hold endowed chairs and professorships:

EVMS Foundation Endowed Chairs and Professorships

DISTINGUISHED CHAIRS

David L. Bernd Distinguished Chair for Cardiovascular and Diabetes
Elias S. Siraj, MD

John Franklin Distinguished Chair in Geriatrics
Marissa C. Galicia-Castillo, MD, MSEd (MD ’97, Internal Medicine Residency ’00)

CHAIRS

Anne Armistead Robinson Chair in Psychiatry of EVMS
David R. Spiegel, MD

Arthur and Marie Kirk Family Chair
Jay N. Collins, MD (Trauma and Critical Care Fellowship ’98)
FACULTY AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Charles F. Burroughs Jr. Chair in Family & Community Medicine
Margaret Y. Baumgarten, MD (Family and Community Medicine Residency ’99)

The Chidester Endowed Chair of Emergency Medicine
Barry J. Knapp, MD

Devine Chair in Genitourinary Reconstructive Surgery
Kurt A. McCammon, MD (Urology Residency ’98, MPH ’12)

Edward J. Brickhouse Chair in Surgery
L.D. Britt, MD, MPH

EVMS Foundation Chair in Biomedical Sciences
Gerald J. Pepe, PhD

EVMS Foundation Chair for Women’s Health
George R. Saade, MD

EVMS Foundation Chair in Pediatrics
C.W. Gowen Jr., MD

EVMS Foundation Chair in Psychiatry
Shriti B. Patel, MD, (MD ’06)

EVMS/Sentara Endowed Chair for Academic Leadership Advancement in Internal Medicine
Sami G. Tahham, MD (MD ’99)

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Shriti B. Patel, MD, (MD ’06)

EVMS/Sentara Endowed Chair for Academic Leadership Advancement in Obstetrics & Gynecology
Gloria T. Too, MD (MD ’10)

EVMS/Sentara Endowed Chair for Academic Leadership Advancement in Otolaryngology
Stephanie A. Moody Antonio, MD

EVMS/Sentara Endowed Chair for Academic Leadership Advancement in Surgery
Jessica R. Burgess, MD (MD ’09)

Glenn R. Mitchell Chair in Generalist Medicine
John E. Snellings, MD (MS ’05, MD ’10, Family Medicine/Internal Medicine Residency ’14)

Harry H. Mansbach Chair in Internal Medicine
Rehan Qayyum, MBBS, MHS

Henry Clay Hofheimer II Chair in Obstetrics and Gynecology
Peter Takacs, MD, PhD

Margaret Moore Hall Chair in Surgical Oncology
Marybeth S. Hughes, MD
FACULTY AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Murray Waitzer Endowed Chair
Recruiting

The Prudence and Louis Ryan Chair of Research
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THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL OATH

I pledge to perform the following duties with honesty and dedication:

I will hold as my primary responsibility the health, safety, welfare and dignity of all human beings.

I will uphold the tenets of patient autonomy, beneficence, nonmaleficence and justice.

I will recognize and promote the value of diversity.

I will treat equally all persons who seek my care.

I will hold in confidence the information shared in the course of practicing medicine.

I will assess my personal capabilities and limitations, striving always to improve my medical practice.

I will actively seek to expand my knowledge and skills, keeping abreast of advances in medicine.

I will work with other members of the health care team to provide compassionate and effective care of patients.

I will use my knowledge and experience to contribute to an improved community.

I will respect my professional relationship with the physician.

I will share and expand knowledge within the profession.

These duties are pledged with sincerity and upon my honor.
THE OATH OF HIPPOCRATES

(Modern)

Upon this day of graduation from the Eastern Virginia Medical School as I seek admission to the medical profession: I do solemnly affirm, as did the ancient Greeks, by all that I hold most sacred that, according to my ability and judgment I will keep this oath and its stipulations.

I hold my teachers in this art equal to my own parents and extend to them the respect and gratitude which is their due.

I will by precept, lecture, and every other mode of instruction, impart a knowledge of the art to my progeny and those of my teachers, and to disciples bound by covenant and oath according to the law of medicine.

I will follow that system of treatment which according to my ability and judgment I consider for the benefit of my patients and abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous.

I will exercise my art, solely for the cure of my patients and the prevention of disease and will give no drugs and perform no operations for a criminal purpose nor far less suggest such a thing.

With honor and dignity I will practice my profession not permitting consideration of religion, nationality, race or social standing to intervene between duty and my patient.

Into whatsoever houses I enter, I will go for the benefit of the sick and will hold myself aloof from every voluntary act of wrongdoing or corruption.

Whatever I may see or hear in the lives of others which ought not be spoken abroad, I will not divulge, reckoning that such should be kept secret.

While I continue to keep this oath unviolated, may it be granted to me to enjoy life and the practice of the art, respected by all people in all times. But should I trespass and violate this oath, may the reverse be my lot.
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