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NYU LANGONE MEDICAL CENTER

Guests are requested to remain seated during the Academic Processional and Recessional. Members of the Candidates Procession are to remain standing at their seats until the Platform Party arrives on stage.

PROGRAM

Processional	Trumpet Voluntary Jeremiah Clarke Rigaudon André Campra
Pronouncement	Anthony J. Grieco, MD '63, BS (ARTS '60) Associate Dean for Alumni Relations and Academic Events
The National Anthem	The Star-Spangled Banner Francis Scott Key
Welcome and Introductions	Anthony J. Grieco, MD '63, BS (ARTS '60)
Student Address	Alejandro Torres, MD President, Class of 2017
Greetings	Anthony J. Grieco, MD '63, BS (ARTS '60) Kenneth G. Langone (Hon. '01), MBA (STERN '60) Chair, NYU Langone Board of Trustees William R. Berkley, MBA, BS (STERN '66) Chair, New York University Board of Trustees Andrew D. Hamilton, MS, PhD President, New York University
Remarks	Robert I. Grossman, MD (Hon. '08) The Saul J. Farber Dean and Chief Executive Officer
Keynote Speaker	Larry A. Silverstein (Hon. '92), BA (ARTS '52) Chairman, Silverstein Properties, Inc. Trustee, NYU Langone Board of Trustees
Conferring of Candidates for Degrees	Robert I. Grossman, MD (Hon. '08) Steven B. Abramson, MD (HS '78) Vice Dean for Education, Faculty and Academic Affairs Linda R. Tewksbury, MD '90 Associate Dean for Student Affairs
Administration of Hippocratic Oath	Robert I. Grossman, MD (Hon. '08)
Recessional	Rondeau Jean-Joseph Mouret

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THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH

I do solemnly swear by that which I do hold most sacred:

That I will be loyal to the profession of medicine and just and generous to its members;

That I will lead my life and practice my art in uprightness and honor;

That into whatsoever house I shall enter, it shall be for the good of the sick to the utmost of my power, I holding myself aloof from wrong, from corruption, from the tempting of others to vice;

That I will exercise my art solely for the cure of my patients, and will give no drug, perform no operation for a criminal purpose, even if solicited, far less suggest it;

That whatsoever I shall see or hear of the lives of men which is not fitting to be spoken, I will keep inviolably secret.

These things I do promise and in proportion as I am faithful to this oath may happiness and good repute be ever mine-the opposite if I shall be forsworn.

(This is the oath of Hippocrates modified by the late Professor John G. Curtis

ALMA MATER

The Palisades

Duncan M. Genns '00

Members of the Candidates Procession and the Platform Procession should stand for the Alma Mater.

O grim, grey Palisades, thy shadow
Upon the rippling Hudson falls,
And mellow mingled tints of sunset
Illuminate our classic halls;
While students gather 'round thy altars
With tributes of devotion true,
And mingle merry hearts and voices
In Praise of NYU.

RECESSIONAL

Rondeau

Jean-Joseph Mouret

Members of the Candidates Procession and the Platform Procession will participate in the Academic Recessional. Guests are requested to remain seated until both groups have departed the auditorium.

RECEPTION

Immediately following the Ceremony, a Reception in honor of the Class of 2017 will be held in the Morgan Stanley Lobby and Grand Foyer .

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Larry A. Silverstein is the Chairman of Silverstein Properties, Inc., a Manhattan-based real estate development and investment firm that has developed, owned and managed 40 million square feet of office, residential, hotel and retail space. The firm currently has \$10 billion worth of development activity in the pipeline and has been recognized as one of the “Best Places to Work in New York City” by Crain’s New York Business for eight years in a row.

In July 2001, Mr. Silverstein completed the largest real estate transaction in New York history when he signed a 99-year lease on the 10.6 million square foot World Trade Center for \$3.25 billion, only to see it destroyed in terrorist attacks six weeks later on September 11, 2001. He is currently rebuilding the office component of the World Trade Center site, a \$30-billion project that will consume the balance of his working life.

A 1952 graduate of New York University, Mr. Silverstein served as Vice Chairman of the NYU Board of Trustees, where he continues to serve as a member. He is also on the Board of Trustees of the New York University Langone Medical Center. He is the Founder and Chairman emeritus of the advisory board of the NYU Real Estate Institute. As a Professor of Real Estate, his “Silverstein Workshop” became one of the most attended and informative educational sources for learning real estate development and investment analysis.

Mr. Silverstein contributes his time and resources to organizations that are committed to higher education and medical research, meeting humanitarian needs and supporting the arts. He has served as Chairman of the Board of UJA-Federation. He is a founding trustee of the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York and has served as treasurer of National Jewish Health in Denver.

Mr. Silverstein currently serves as a board member of the New York Philharmonic. He is a classical music enthusiast, a passionate yachtsman and a dedicated New Yorker. Larry and Klara Silverstein have been married for 61 years and have three children and one son-in-law, three of whom are executives at Silverstein Properties, and they also have eight grandchildren.

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE & DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREES AWARDED THROUGH THE MEDICAL SCIENTIST TRAINING PROGRAM

Adam Blaisdell, MD, PhD

"Neutrophils oppose uterine epithelial carcinogenesis
via debridement of hypoxic tumor cells"

Thesis Advisor: Adrian Erlebacher, MD, PhD

Training Program in Molecular Oncology and Immunology

Joseph M. Ryan, MD, PhD

"Brain-specific Rho GTPase 1⁹ (spike) is a novel Rho GTPase family member (JTG ET EMC f

Thesis Advisor: Wenbiao Gan, PhD

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE & MASTERS DEGREES AWARDED THROUGH NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Meleha Taj Ahmad, MD, MSCI

“The Connection between Reticular Macular Disease
and Systemic Disease (CAD and renal disease)”

Advisor: Roland Theodore Smith, MD

Professor of Ophthalmology

Alice Drain, MD, MSCI

“Overactive Bladder (OAB) Voiding Diary and Urodynamic Correlation Study”

Advisor: Victor W. Nitti, MD

Professor of Urology and Obstetrics and Gynecology

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE AWARDED THROUGH THE ACCELERATED THREE-YEAR MD PATHWAY

Lavinia Midori Anzai, MD
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Kamalou Yaya, MD
James Q. Zhou, MD

DEGREES CONFERRED WITH HONORS

IN DERMATOLOGY

Chloe Cipora Goldman, MD

Mentor: Iman Osman, MD

“Altered metabolism is associated with invasion in melanoma”

Brooke Rosenbaum, MD

Mentor: Iman Osman, MD

“PTEN loss in melanoma: epigenetic regulation,
biological significance and clinical impact”

IN MEDICINE

Frederic Tianan Lu, MD

Mentor: Martin Blaser, MD

AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Alpha Omega Alpha Award

To the student who attained the highest scholastic rating for the four years of medical school.

Alexander Michael Goldowsky, MD

Jessica Michelle Lewis, MD

American Academy of Neurology Medical Student Prize

For excellence in neurology.

Leah Croll, MD

Bernard Zussman Award

For a student who has shown exceptional ability in the areas of allergy and immunology.

Global Health Research Award

To the student who best exhibited excellence in global health research through the International Health Program.

Kenneth Warren Price, MD

Glover C. Arnold Surgical Award

For excellence in Surgery.

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Herman Wortis Award

For excellence in psychiatry and neurology.

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Hippolyte M. Wertheim Award

For academic excellence in pre-clerkship curriculum.

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Homer Smith Award in Neuroscience and Physiology

For excellence in neuroscience and physiology.

David Jeffery Smith, MD

Joseph E. Constantine Award

For outstanding scholarly work in obstetrics and gynecology.

Sarah Saerohm Lee, MD, MBA

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Lynne and Jack Dodick Prize in Ophthalmology

For excellence in ophthalmology.

Meleha Taj Ahmad, MD, MSCI

Marion B. Sulzberger Award

For excellence in Dermatology.

Renee Fruchter, MD, MSCI

Maurice Freiman Memorial Award

For exemplary work in the clinical clerkships during the clinical years.

Gabriel Henry Campion, MD

Nancy B. Genieser Excellence in Radiology Award

For excellence in clinical and research activities in radiology.

Saumitra Thakur, MD

Rosa Lee Nemir Award

For excellence in pediatrics.

Alyssa M. Coffin, MD

Samuel and Edgar H. Soifer Memorial Award

For excellence in urology.

Alice Drain, MD ,MSCI

Valentine Mott Anatomy Award

For excellence in anatomy.

Jessica Michelle Lewis, MD

Valentine Mott Surgery Award

For excellence in the Surgery Clerkship.

Sarah E. Pivo, MD

Samuel Spiegel Award

For excellence in general academic achievement to a student who is a resident of Greater New York.
Kelsey Charlene Campbell, MD

Saul M. Minkoff Memorial Award

To the student with an exemplary interest in issues of medical economics.
Lukas Ramcharran, MD, MBA

MARSHALS FOR THE CANDIDATES PROCESSION

Distinguished Teacher in the Basic Sciences

In recognition of singular accomplishment in leading us to knowledge and understanding and for dedication and intellectual integrity representative of the highest ideals of the teaching profession.
Victoria M. Harnik, MS (GSAS '81), PhD (GSAS '86)
Assistant Professor of Cell Biology

Distinguished Teacher in the Clinical Sciences

In recognition of singular accomplishment in leading us to knowledge and understanding and for dedication and intellectual integrity representative of the highest ideals of the teaching profession.
John I. Hwang, MD '12
Instructor in Medicine

Leonard J. Tow Humanism in Medicine Faculty Award

To the faculty member who best exemplifies the qualities of integrity, excellence, compassion, altruism, respect, empathy, and service. Sponsored by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.
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