ELEVENTH COMMENCEMENT
MAY 19, 2023
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE
COMMENCEMENT

MAY 19, 2023
The Strategic Vision of
Kent State University

**Vision**

To be a community of change agents whose collective commitment to learning sparks epic thinking, meaningful voice and invaluable outcomes to better our society.

**Mission**

We transform lives and communities through the power of discovery, learning and creative expression in an inclusive environment.

**Core Values**

We value:
- A distinctive blend of teaching, research and creative excellence.
- Active inquiry and discovery that expand knowledge and human understanding.
- Life-changing educational experiences for students with wide-ranging talents and aspirations.
- A living-learning environment that creates a genuine sense of place.
- Engagement that inspires positive change.
- Diversity of culture, beliefs, identity and thought.
- Freedom of expression and the free exchange of ideas.
- A collaborative community.
- Respect, kindness and purpose in all that we do.
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A Message From the President

Congratulations to the Kent State University Class of 2023.

You did it!

You have persevered to the finish and achieved your academic degree. I am sure there were times when you faced challenges and hardships, but your hard work and dedication saw you through to this great accomplishment.

I hope you are leaving Kent State with many fond memories of the people, places and learning that made your educational journey rich and full.

As you go out into the world, always remember that Flashes Take Care of Flashes. Always maintain our Flashes caring spirit, treating others with kindness and respect at every turn of your life’s journey.

On behalf of the entire Kent State community, I again extend our heartfelt congratulations to our graduates and your families. This is a time to celebrate the realization of your dream. You have earned it!

Please know that the entire campus community is proud of you and continues to cheer for you on your future beyond Kent State. We can’t wait to see how you are going to change the world.

Flashes Forever!

Sincerely,

Todd A. Diacon, Ph.D.
President
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Order of Exercises

College of Podiatric Medicine
Degree Ceremony

Manchester Field
Friday, May 19, 2023
1 p.m.

Call to Order
Scott A. Spencer, D.P.M.
Announcer

National Anthem
School of Music

Opening Remarks
Allan M. Boike, D.P.M.
Dean, College of Podiatric Medicine

Provost’s Remarks
Melody J. Tankersley, Ph.D.
Senior Vice President and Provost

Conferral of Degrees
Allan M. Boike, D.P.M.
Dean, College of Podiatric Medicine

Degrees Conferred by:
Todd A. Diacon, Ph.D.
President

Presentation of Degree Candidates
Announced by:
Scott A. Spencer, D.P.M.

Music by:
Hugh A. Glauser School of Music String Quartet
PODIATRIC PHYSICIAN’S OATH
Allan M. Boike, D.P.M.
Dean, College of Podiatric Medicine

CLOSING REMARKS
Melody J. Tankersley, Ph.D.
Senior Vice President and Provost

ALMA MATER
School of Music

RECESSIONAL
Highland Cathedral
Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb, Composers
Scott A. Spencer, D.P.M., Bagpipes
Honoraries

Pi Delta
National Podiatric Honor Society
Duane J. Ehredt Jr., D.P.M., Advisor

The society promotes high scholarship, scientific and fraternal spirit and the proper recognition of the high scholastic achievement in the podiatric sciences.

Membership degree candidates include:

- Lucas Paul Ahlquist
- Taylor N. Allison
- Caren Aramouni
- Neil Luke Bernard
- Ashish Biju
- Ashley Qing Chambers
- Zoe Dolcimascolo
- Kiara Ellene Francis
- Morgan Avery Gascoyne
- Hannah Hanks
- David Kalambet
- Brooke Elizabeth Kiefer
- Rachel Marie Mahon
- Fareeha Erum Rehman
- Vanessa M. Scoarste
- Angelika Sheiman
- Khadeeja Tarique
- Jonathan Andrew Westerveld
- April Kai Wong
- Alec Ryan Wroblewski
- Amy J. Zakowski

Class Officers
College of Podiatric Medicine
CLASS OF 2023

Membership degree candidates include:

- Katie Jean Diol
  President
- Kyle Williams
  Vice President
- Brandon Michael Gibson
  Director of Clinical Affairs
Academic Awards  
Class of 2023

First in the Class ................................................................. Jonathan Andrew Westerveld

Second in the Class ............................................................. Hannah Hanks

Clinical Podiatry Award ..................................................... Vanessa M. Scoarste

Diabetic Lower Extremity Care Award ................................. Caren Aramouni

Dr. Allan M. Spencer Orthotics/Biomechanics Award .......... Etherton Tichapiwanashe Jonga

Dr. Karen Ondrick Biomedical Excellence Award ................. Kiara Ellene Francis

Dr. William F. Munsey Leadership Award ............................. Katie Jean Diol

James A. Conforti, D.P.M., Community Relations Award .... Rachel Marie Mahon

Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine Research Award .............................................. Moriah Letitia Peoples

Professional Ethics Award .................................................... Zoe Dolcimascolo

Service to the College Award ................................................ Ashley Qing Chambers

Stephen M. Geller Graduate Merit Award ............................ Ashish Biju

Surgical Excellence Award ................................................... Jonathan Andrew Westerveld

The Ilya Bratslavsky Student Doctor Award ........................ Talia Younus

The Rajan Laddu Student Doctor Award ............................. Ashish Biju

The Sean Glennon Student Doctor Award ........................... Ryan Johnson

Thomas V. Melillo, D.P.M., Memorial Award ........................ Hannah Hanks

William F. Todd, D.P.M., Award for Excellence in General Medicine .................................................. Hannah Hanks
College of Podiatric Medicine
Allan M. Boike, D.P.M., Dean

DOCTOR OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE

Maria Andrada Achim
Residency: Withheld by Request

Trevor John Adams
Residency: United Health Services Hospitals Inc.
Johnson City, New York

Linet E. Adorno Rivera
Residency: Morristown Medical Center
Morristown, New Jersey

Lucas Paul Ahlquist
Residency: The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
Columbus, Ohio

Austin L. Aikins
Residency: Aultman Alliance Community Hospital
Alliance, Ohio

Gerardo Alcantara
Residency: Catholic Health System-Sisters of Charity Hospital
Buffalo, New York

Taylor N. Allison
Residency: Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills
Farmington Hills, Michigan

Jermaine Tristan Als
Residency: Ascension Saint Joseph-Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Alexis Marie Anderson
Residency: LECOM Health/Millcreek Community Hospital
Erie, Pennsylvania

Caren Aramouni
Residency: Western Reserve Hospital
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Tarina Ayazi
Residency: MedStar Health-Washington Hospital Center
Washington, D.C.

Jacob Zachariah Azzawi
Residency: Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital Inc.
Binghamton, New York

Brenna Barker
Residency: Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills
Farmington Hills, Michigan

Oglesby Burnett Barrett
Residency: University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
San Antonio, Texas

Marco Antonino Basone
Residency: Long Island Jewish Forest Hills at Northwell Health
Forest Hills, New York

Crystal Beckman
Residency: Aventura Hospital and Medical Center
Aventura, Florida

Besim Becoja
Residency: Beaumont Health-Wayne
Wayne, Michigan

Neil Luke Bernard
Residency: Mercy Health Regional Medical Center
Lorain, Ohio

Ovina Bey
Residency: Withheld by Request

Yashkumar Anilkumar Bhalala
Residency: Beaumont Health-Wayne
Wayne, Michigan

Ashish Biju
Residency: Eastern Virginia Medical School
Suffolk, Virginia

Adam Darrell Brown
Residency: HealthAlliance Hospital
Kingston, New York
Carmen Rivero Carland  
Residency: Cleveland Clinic Foundation  
Cleveland, Ohio

Lawrence C. Carlson  
Residency: Mercy Health-St. Vincent Medical Center  
Toledo, Ohio

Ashley Qing Chambers  
Residency: Surgical Hospital of Oklahoma and Cleveland Clinic  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

David Ryan Cohen  
Residency: East Liverpool City Hospital  
East Liverpool, Ohio

Thaina Colon Nunez  
Residency: Catholic Health System-Sisters of Charity Hospital  
Buffalo, New York

Sarah Elizabeth Crise  
Residency: Southwest General Health Center  
Middleburg Heights, Ohio

Michael Hagan Curd  
Residency: DVA-James A. Haley Veterans’ Hospital  
Tampa, Florida

Farwa Dalawar  
Residency: MetroWest Medical Center  
Framingham, Massachusetts

Marc DiGrande  
Residency: Ascension Providence Hospital-Southfield/Novi Campuses  
Southfield, Michigan

Christina Dines  
Residency: Withheld by Request

Katie Jean Diol  
Residency: HealthPartners Institute/Regions Hospital  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Mubat Mantan Nahbilah Dohvoma  
Residency: Phoenixville Hospital  
Phoenixville, Pennsylvania

Zoe Dolcimascolo  
Residency: University of Cincinnati Medical Center College of Medicine  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Nikkita Marie Elminowski  
Residency: The Jewish Hospital-Mercy Health  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Mohamed Babiker Eltayeb Eltayar  
Residency: East Liverpool City Hospital  
East Liverpool, Ohio

Teodoro Alberto Fernandez-Solís  
Residency: Reading Hospital  
West Reading, Pennsylvania

Kiara Ellene Francis  
Residency: Emory University School of Medicine  
Decatur, Georgia

Alexis Franson  
Residency: University of California, Los Angeles  
Los Angeles, California

Morgan Avery Gascoyne  
Residency: Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills  
Farmington Hills, Michigan

Michaela Brooke Gearhart  
Residency: DVA-Dayton VA Medical Center  
Dayton, Ohio

Brandon Michael Gibson  
Residency: University Hospitals Regional Hospitals-Richmond Medical Center-Kent State University  
Chardon, Ohio

Guy Golan  
Residency: Memorial Healthcare System  
Hollywood, Florida

Mikayla Annmarie Green  
Residency: Henry Ford Health-Henry Ford Macomb Hospital  
Clinton Township, Michigan
Leah Elizabeth Grossman  
Residency: Heritage Valley Beaver  
Beaver, Pennsylvania

Eric James Hancock  
Residency: Cleveland Clinic Foundation  
Cleveland, Ohio

Hannah Hanks  
Residency: Roger Williams Medical Center  
Providence, Rhode Island

Jordan Douglas Hawkins  
Residency: St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center of Boston, Inc.  
Boston, Massachusetts

Lucas Robert Herrington  
Residency: Withheld by Request

Kyra Stephanie Illuzzi  
Residency: Penn Presbyterian Medical Center  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Kody Michael Jacobson  
Residency: DVA - Southern Arizona Veterans Affairs Health Care System  
Tucson, Arizona

Ryan Johnson  
Residency: Ascension St. Vincent Evansville  
Evansville, Indiana

Etherton Tichapiwanashe Jonga  
Residency: St. Barnabas Hospital  
Bronx, New York

Rosemary Joseph  
Residency: Ascension Providence Hospital- Southfield/Novi Campuses  
Southfield, Michigan

David Kalambet  
Residency: Beaumont Health-Wayne  
Wayne, Michigan

Yara Issa Karam  
Residency: Detroit Medical Center  
Detroit, Michigan

Brooke Elizabeth Kiefer  
Residency: Wake Forest Baptist Health  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

MinJun Kim  
Residency: Withheld by Request

Katherine Grace Kirschbaum  
Residency: Ascension Saint Mary-Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois

Hai Thanh Le  
Residency: Brookdale Hospital Medical Center  
Brooklyn, New York

Lauren Likewise  
Residency: Franciscan Health System-St. Francis Hospital Federal Way, Washington

Rachel Marie Mahon  
Residency: Rush University Medical Center  
Oak Park, Illinois

Michael Tolliver Maki  
Residency: Jersey Shore University Medical Center  
Neptune, New Jersey

Rebekah Lynn March Faris  
Residency: Mercy Health-St. Vincent Medical Center  
Toledo, Ohio

Kamden Taylor Merwede  
Residency: MetroWest Medical Center  
Framingham, Massachusetts

Megan Ashley Middleton  
Residency: The Christ Hospital  
Cincinnati, Ohio

James Joseph Misocky  
Residency: TriHealth-Bethesda North Hospital  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Richard Vernal Morrey  
Residency: DVA - James H. Quillen Veterans Affairs Medical Center  
Mountain Home, Tennessee
Mustafa Mukdad Mustafa  
Residency: Ascension St. John Hospital  
Detroit, Michigan

David Chinedu Onyenma  
Residency: Rochester General Hospital  
Rochester, New York

Dhara Ramesh Patel  
Residency: McLaren Macomb Hospital  
Mount Clemens, Michigan

Laura Helene Pellizzari  
Residency: Southwest General Health Center  
Middleburg Heights, Ohio

Moriah Letitia Peoples  
Residency: Saint Joseph’s Medical Center  
Yonkers, New York

Yasmin Izzah Radzi  
Residency: DVA - Veterans Affairs Puget Sound Health Care System  
Seattle, Washington

Samantha Rose Reed  
Residency: Saint Barnabas Medical Center  
Livingston, New Jersey

Fareeha Erum Rehman  
Residency: University Hospitals Regional Hospitals-Richmond Medical Center-Kent State University  
Chardon, Ohio

Stephanie Maria Sariles  
Residency: Aultman Alliance Community Hospital Alliance, Ohio

Vanessa M. Scoarste  
Residency: Ascension Wisconsin  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Angelika Sheiman  
Residency: Mercy Health Regional Medical Center  
Lorain, Ohio

Adam Shurtliff  
Residency: Withheld by Request

Antonio Sierra  
Residency: UPMC Medical Education Harrisburg  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Jordyn Taylor Singerman  
Residency: Denver Health and Hospital Authority  
Denver, Colorado

Matthew Swanson  
Residency: United Health Services Hospitals Inc.  
Johnson City, New York

Aaron Tarbell  
Residency: Rush University Medical Center  
Oak Park, Illinois

Khadeeja Tarique  
Residency: HCA Houston Healthcare West  
Houston, Texas

Andre Antonio Turner  
Residency: University Hospitals Regional Hospitals-Richmond Medical Center-Kent State University  
Chardon, Ohio

Kseniya Volodina  
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Brittny Jean Western  
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Chardon, Ohio

Jonathan Andrew Westerveld  
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Suffolk, Virginia

Aspen Jane-Ann Williams  
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Forest Hills, New York

Kyle Williams  
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Gage J. Winters  
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Chicago, Illinois
April Kai Wong
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Warwick, Rhode Island

Randall B. Wood
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Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Talia Younus
Residency: Inspira Medical Center Vineland
Vineland, New Jersey

Amy J. Zakowski
Residency: University Hospitals Regional Hospitals-
Richmond Medical Center-Kent State University
Chardon, Ohio
ASSOCIATE DEGREES
Associate of Applied Business ........................................................................ 50
Associate of Applied Science ........................................................................ 263
Associate of Arts ......................................................................................... 502
Associate of Science .................................................................................... 607
Associate of Technical Studies ...................................................................... 10

BACHELOR DEGREES
Bachelor of Applied Horticulture ..................................................................... 1
Bachelor of Arts ............................................................................................ 754
Bachelor of Business Administration ............................................................. 439
Bachelor of Fine Arts ........................................................................................ 87
Bachelor of Integrative Studies ......................................................................... 56
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Podiatric Physician's Oath

I do solemnly swear, on my honor, to those who have taught me, and by all things that I hold sacred, that as a practitioner of Podiatric Medicine, I shall abide by the following precepts:

I shall, above all, hold paramount the welfare of my patient, regardless of fee or favor, and I shall neither prescribe nor give any treatment or drug which will be detrimental to his well-being.

I shall endeavor to uphold the dignity of the professional way of life, the aims of which are to render public service.

I shall cherish those who have taught me, holding high their principles and precepts, and I pledge that I shall do everything that I am able to do to promote and to protect the profession of Podiatric Medicine and to aid my fellow practitioners.

In swearing to this oath, I hereby dedicate myself in service to the health of humanity, and I hold as my goal the relief of pain and suffering. If I keep this oath, may I receive guidance in the practice of my art, and may I enjoy my life in the respect of all individuals.
Identification of the hood and robe as academic apparel is believed to have originated at the English universities of Oxford and Cambridge during the 12th and 13th centuries. The hoods are a carry-over from the times when monks, who operated those universities, wore them to protect their shaved heads in winter. The robe is an adaptation of the shoulder cape also worn by those same monks while collecting alms.

Use of the academic robe came to the United States in 1754, with the founding of what is now Columbia University. In 1895, a commission of university officials adopted a universal code of design and color for the academic garb. This code has undergone several revisions in subsequent years, with most recent modifications accepted in 1960.

Styling of the robes varies for the bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees. The width of sleeve borders and length of the hood increase with each advanced degree.

In the hoods, the color of the velvet border indicates the type of degree held, while the lining designates the official colors of the institution granting it.

A distinguishing color table for academic attire:

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The Mace

The mace carried by the macebearer in the academic processional symbolizes authority. The macebearer carries a mace created and crafted by alumnus Michael V. Jaszczak, ’98. Mr. Jaszczak created the mace based upon the input of a committee charged with the task of bringing forth a new design utilizing the resources and wealth of talent available in Kent State’s School of Art.

The central motif of the university seal retains the sun of the state seal, signifying state ownership and is symbolic of the light of knowledge and wisdom. The shield suggests the geographic shape of Ohio. The bird, which symbolizes leadership, is the chimney swift, a species that colonizes on campus and seems to be in constant flight. The university colors of blue and gold are incorporated in the enameled piece, which is set on top of a walnut pole. The mace rests in a walnut stand crafted by David Dalton, Ph.D., who taught for many years in the College of Education, Health and Human Services.

The Gonfalons

Gonfalons are long ceremonial flags or banners suspended from a crossbar. The use of ceremonial banners dates back to the 1500s. Italian towns, for example, each have a gonfalon, which is the official emblem of the town, showing its coat of arms.

Each of the college gonfalons is emblazoned with the Kent State seal on an academic color of one of the college’s disciplines, established by academic protocol.

The President’s Medallion

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Kent State University is one of the largest university systems in the nation, yet one of the closest families in the world. We embrace diversity and the culture it creates – promoting visionary ideas and bold thinking. From this environment, our students draw strength and support to stand for what matters and to take meaningful action for change.

More than 100 years after William S. Kent donated his valuable farmland so the state could build a teacher-training school for the area, Kent State is one of Ohio’s leading public universities and a major educational, economic and cultural resource far beyond the Northeast Ohio region it has served since its founding as Kent State Normal School in 1910.

Today, as it plays a leading role in 21st century education, Kent State holds the esteemed distinction of being one of only five institutions in Ohio to be recognized as an R1 top-tier research university by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. Kent State is the highest-ranked public university in northern Ohio on the Top Public Schools and Best National Universities lists by U.S. News & World Report.

With eight campuses spanning Northeast Ohio, a College of Podiatric Medicine, the Twinsburg Academic Center and academic sites in locations around the globe – such as New York City; Florence, Italy; and Curitiba, Brazil, Kent State illuminates the way as a world-class institution. Its programs and partnerships boldly expand the boundaries of knowledge for faculty engaged in research and collaboration, and for students receiving life-changing experiences in experiential and study-away programs.

The student body comprises more than 33,000 students, including about 1,650 international students from nearly 100 countries. The university earns worldwide recognition for its optimum balance of nearly 375 undergraduate programs of study and 220 graduate programs of study.

The addition of new teaching and learning environments, from the sciences to the arts, and the development of exciting new academic programs characterize Kent State’s focus on transformational educational experiences. The university is accelerating its strategic investment in established areas of research expertise, including environmental science, population health, global understanding and materials sciences. Building upon its historic and foundational research in liquid crystals, Kent State’s Advanced Materials and Liquid Crystal Institute embraces a leading international role in advanced materials and soft matter science and innovation.

Kent State recognizes its place in history with the May 4 Visitors Center and annual May 4 Commemoration, which pay homage to the seminal events of May 4, 1970, on the university’s Kent Campus. The center and annual observances honor those who lost their lives, those who were wounded and those who survived.

World-renowned, nationally ranked and regionally vital, Kent State proudly serves higher education and the world with graduates who are finding their purpose and making a difference with their contributions.

While some people measure both history and success by tangibles, a Kent State professor emeritus suggests considering timeless intangibles that “can be measured by the lump in your throat … by walking tall.” On a sun-drenched July day in 1914, Kent State’s first graduation class of 34 members walked tall. They led the way for the many hundreds of thousands of Kent State alumni who live and work around the world. Proudly joining their ranks are today’s newest members of the Kent State family on this glorious day of celebration.

For more information about Kent State, visit www.kent.edu.
Welcome to the Golden Flash Alumni Family!

Congratulations on earning your Kent State University degree! As you close this chapter, you join a special group of graduates around the world who make up our alumni family.

Wherever your next journey may take you, Kent State will always be here to support you. From career readiness to alumni events to volunteer opportunities and more, there are many resources to connect you with fellow Flashes and your alma mater.

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Hail to Thee, Our Alma Mater

Words by E. Turner Stump | Music by Dwight Steere

From the beauty land Ohio comes a universal praise,

'Tis the song of Alma Mater that her sons and daughters raise,

'Tis a Hail to Kent forever,

on the Cuyahoga shore,

Now we join the loving thousands as they sing it o'er and o'er.

Hail to Thee, our Alma Mater

O, how beautiful thou art,

High enthroned upon the hilltop,

Reigning over ev-ry heart.