



U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy to Deliver Graduation Address to the University of Maryland School of Medicine's 213th Graduating Class

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As Nation's Doctor, Dr. Murthy Addresses the Country's Most Urgent Public Health Issues

University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) Dean [E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA](#), announced today that Vice Admiral [Vivek H. Murthy, MD, MBA](#), will deliver the keynote address for this year's graduating class. The UMSOM graduation ceremony will take place at the Hippodrome Theatre on Thursday, May 19, 2022. Doors open at 12:00 pm, the procession begins at 1:30 pm, and the ceremony begins at 2:00 pm.

Dr. Murthy is the U.S. Surgeon General and the Vice Admiral of the U.S. Public Health Services Commissioned Corps. As the Nation's Doctor, his mission is to restore trust by relying on the best scientific information available, providing clear, consistent guidance and resources for the public, and ensuring that the country's most vulnerable communities are reached. As Vice

Admiral, he commands a uniformed service of 6,000 public health officers, serving the most underserved and vulnerable populations in over 800 locations domestically and abroad. Dr. Murthy has worked to shield the nation from Ebola and Zika and to respond to the Flint water crisis, major hurricanes, and frequent health care deficiencies in rural communities.

“We are privileged to have our nation’s leading public health advisor, Dr. Murthy, speak to this year’s graduating class. Serving under the current Joe Biden administration, he tackles the nation’s most pressing public health challenges,” said Dean Reece, who is Vice President for Medical Affairs at the University of Maryland, and John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor and Dean of the University of Maryland School of Medicine. ***“His service to our country and deep commitment to addressing global public health crises serve as a tremendous inspiration to our next generation of physician-scientists”.***

As the nation’s 21st Surgeon General and the first of Indian descent, Dr. Murthy addresses many critical public health issues, including the growing proliferation of health misinformation, the ongoing youth mental health crisis, well-being and burnout in the health worker community, and social isolation and loneliness. Additionally, he serves as a key advisor to President Biden's COVID-19 pandemic response operation. Previously, Dr. Murthy served as the 19th Surgeon General of the United States from December 15, 2014 to April 21, 2017.

Prior to entering government service, Dr. Murthy co-founded Visions, a global HIV/AIDS education program in India and the United States; the Swasthya Project, a rural health partnership that trained South Indian women to become community health workers and educators; TrialNetworks, a technology company dedicated to improving collaboration and efficiency in clinical trials; and Doctors for America, a nonprofit mobilizing physicians and medical students to improve access to affordable care. His scientific research has focused on vaccine development and the participation of women and minorities in clinical studies. And as an internal medicine doctor at Brigham and Women's Hospital and at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Murthy cared for thousands of patients and trained hundreds of medical students and residents.

Dr. Murthy earned his BA Degree from Harvard and his MD Degree from the Yale School of Medicine. He also received an MBA Degree from the Yale School of Management. He completed his internal medicine residency at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston and later joined the faculty at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Murthy is a New York Times bestselling author for his 2020 publication titled, *Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World*. He is regarded as one of the nation’s most trusted voices on public health matters and resides in Washington, DC with his wife, Dr. Alice Chen, and their two children.

About the University of Maryland School of Medicine

Now in its third century, the University of Maryland School of Medicine was chartered in 1807 as the first public medical school in the United States. It continues today as one of the fastest growing, top-tier biomedical research enterprises in the world -- with 46 academic departments, centers, institutes, and programs, and a faculty of more than 3,000 physicians, scientists, and allied health professionals, including members of the National Academy of Medicine and the National Academy of Sciences, and a distinguished two-time winner of the Albert E. Lasker Award in Medical Research. With an operating budget of more than \$1.3 billion, the School of Medicine works closely in partnership with the University of Maryland Medical Center and Medical System to provide research-intensive, academic and clinically based care for nearly 2 million patients each year. The School of Medicine has nearly \$600 million in extramural funding, with most of its academic departments highly ranked among all medical schools in the nation in research funding. As one of the seven professional schools that make up the University of Maryland, Baltimore campus, the School of Medicine has a total population of nearly 9,000 faculty and staff, including 2,500 students, trainees, residents, and fellows. The combined School of Medicine and Medical System (“University of Maryland Medicine”) has an annual budget of over \$6 billion and an economic impact of nearly \$20 billion on the state and local community. The School of Medicine, which ranks as the **8th highest** among public medical schools in research productivity (according to the Association of American Medical Colleges profile) is an innovator in translational medicine, with 606 active patents and 52 start-up companies. In the latest *U.S. News & World Report* ranking of the Best Medical Schools, published in 2021, the UM School of Medicine is **ranked #9 among the 92 public medical schools** in the U.S., and in the top 15 percent (**#27**) of all **192 public and private U.S.** medical schools. The School of Medicine works locally, nationally, and globally, with research and treatment facilities in 36 countries around the world. Visit medschool.umaryland.edu

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Thursday, April 14, 2022

[Worth the Wait](#)

After years of hard work and steadfast perseverance, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) medical students gathered at the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall on March 18, 2022 to take part in this year's Match Day ceremony. In this annual ceremony, graduating medical students from around the country and at UMSOM discover where they will begin their careers as physicians. This year was especially significant because it was the first in-person celebration with families and friends since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. The long-awaited day was worth the wait as students were finally able to reflect and celebrate their milestone accomplishment.



Thursday, January 27, 2022

[16th Annual Medical Student Auction Supports Fight Against Food Insecurity](#)

In keeping with tradition since 2006, the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) Class of 2024 Student Government has organized this year's Annual Second-Year Medical Student Auction. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Bmore Community Food, an organization committed to serving the vulnerable and marginalized population in Baltimore City who are experiencing food insecurity. The remaining funds will support the Class of 2024 medical student activities.



Tuesday, November 16, 2021

[UM School of Medicine Names Sofia Cascio as the First Director of Student Financial Wellness](#)

Donna L. Parker, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education, along with Kerri Thom, MD, MS, Associate Dean for Student Affairs at the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM), announced today that Sofia Cascio, MBA, has been named the school's first Director of Student Financial Wellness.



Wednesday, July 07, 2021

[Overcoming Pandemic Challenges, Third-Year Medical Students Celebrate Annual Student Clinician Ceremony](#)

The annual Student Clinician Ceremony at the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) was held in Leadership Hall on July 2, 2021, to formally welcome the third-year medical students to their clinical rotations. In their rotations, students begin seeing patients alongside doctors and residents as they gain experience in primary care and medical specialties.



Friday, May 15, 2020

[UMSOM Holds Virtual Commencement to Celebrate Class of 2020](#)

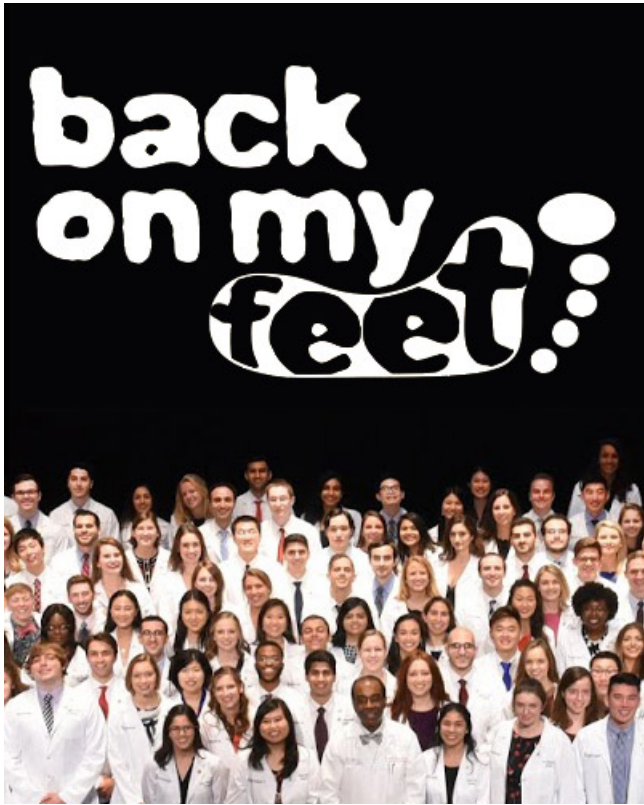
For the first time in the school's 211-year history, the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) held a virtual commencement ceremony to celebrate the Class of 2020 on May 14. The ceremony marked the culmination of at least four years of studies for the 166 newly minted physicians, who earned medical degrees as well as combined MD/PhD and MD/Masters degrees.



Monday, March 23, 2020

[The Wait Is Over: It's Match Day 2020](#)

Even as physicians across the United States and around the world confront the COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of the residency match is more evident than ever. According to the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP), this year's Main Residency Match is the largest in history, exceeding the more than 44,000 applicants who registered for the 2019 Match. This year, 161 University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) students matched at 73 different hospitals in 29 states. Thirty-eight members of the Class of 2020 will stay in the state of Maryland for their residency training.



Monday, February 17, 2020

[14th Annual Medical Student Auction Makes Bid to Fight Homelessness](#)

“Our class is very excited about hosting this year’s auction,” says Malina Howard, Class of 2022 MD candidate at the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM). “It is going to be a big team effort!” Malina is speaking about the preparations for the Annual Second Year Medical Student Auction, which will be held Thursday, February 20, 2020, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Southern Management Corporation (SMC) Campus Center, 621 W. Lombard Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. This event is open to parents, students, faculty, and staff.



Wednesday, November 06, 2019

[First-Year University of Maryland School of Medicine Medical Students Celebrate White Coat Ceremony](#)

The University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) held its annual White Coat Ceremony on November 1 at the Hippodrome Theatre in downtown Baltimore.



Wednesday, July 03, 2019

[UMSOM Class 2021 Celebrate Annual Student Clinician's Ceremony](#)

The Annual Student Clinician Ceremony was held today, to mark the Class of 2021 progression from basic sciences classroom instruction to their clinical years of medical education. The Class gathered in Davidge Hall, to hear inspirational messages from their mentors and revisit the Hippocratic Oath taken during the White Coat Ceremony.



Friday, May 17, 2019

[So Long, Farewell, Class of 2019](#)

The Class of 2019 received their doctoral hoods in a special graduation ceremony at the Hippodrome Theater on May 17. The ceremony marked the culmination of at least four years of studies for the 162 physicians, who earned medical degrees, as well as combined MD/PhD and MD/Masters degrees. Hundreds of family, friends, and faculty were there to cheer on the graduates as they officially transitioned from students to doctors.



Friday, May 17, 2019

[13th Annual Student Awards Ceremony Recognizes Top Medical Graduates](#)

“Tonight, we celebrate our exceptional students who have worked diligently in the pursuit of excellence towards their medical degrees,” said E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs at UM Baltimore, John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor, and Dean of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, as he welcomed distinguished guests, donors, faculty, students and their families at the 13th annual Student Awards Ceremony and Dinner held on Wednesday, May 15 at the Baltimore Marriot Inner Harbor at Camden Yards.



Thursday, May 02, 2019

[Leading Child Health Expert and NIH Official Dr. Diana Bianchi to Deliver Graduation Address to the University of Maryland School of Medicine's 210th Graduating Class](#)

University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) Dean E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, announced today that Diana W. Bianchi, MD, Director of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), will deliver the keynote address for this year's graduating class. The UMSOM graduation ceremony will take place at the Hippodrome Theatre on May 16. Doors open at 12:30 pm, the procession begins at 1:30 pm and the ceremony begins at 2:00 pm.



Friday, March 15, 2019

[From Dreams to Reality: Match Day 2019 at the University of Maryland School of Medicine](#)

After years of hard work, determination, and personal sacrifice, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) medical students' dreams finally came to fruition at the Match Day ceremony on March 15. At exactly noon, medical students at the UMSOM and around the country, some 30,000 students across the U.S., received an envelope telling them where they will do their residency training. It was truly a day filled with excitement and anticipation for the UMSOM Class of 2019 at Baltimore's famed Hippodrome Theater.



Tuesday, February 26, 2019

[UMSOM Class of 2021 Host Annual Student Auction](#)

“The Annual Student Auction is a phenomenal way to bring the School of Medicine community together to support a meaningful cause,” says Saif Yasin, Class of 2021 President, and MD/PhD student at the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM).



Monday, December 03, 2018

[Members of the Class of 2022 Receive Their White Coats](#)

The University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) held its annual White Coat Ceremony on November 1 at the Hippodrome Theatre in downtown Baltimore.



Friday, May 18, 2018

[Annual Student Awards Ceremony Recognizes Top Graduates](#)

Following four years of countless tests, late-night study groups, and many cups of coffee, events leading up to graduation began with the 12th annual Student Awards Ceremony and Dinner.



Thursday, May 17, 2018

[Saying Farewell to the Class of 2018](#)

The Class of 2018 received their doctoral hoods in a special graduation ceremony at the Hippodrome Theater on May 17. Hundreds of family, friends, and faculty were there to cheer on the 146 graduates as they officially transitioned from students to doctors.



Tuesday, May 01, 2018

[UMBC President Freeman Hrabowski to Deliver Graduation Address to University of Maryland School of Medicine's 209th Graduating Class](#)

University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) Dean E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, announced today that Freeman A. Hrabowski, III, MA, PhD, President of the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), will deliver the keynote address for this year's graduating class. The UMSOM graduation ceremony will take place at 10 am on May 17, 2018 at the Hippodrome Theatre.



Friday, March 16, 2018

[Match Day: Will Med Students' Dreams Come True?](#)

It's Match Day, when graduating med students across the country find out where they'll spend their residencies. In a gripping, emotional ceremony at the Hippodrome Theater, students in the Class of 2018 will be handed an envelope with the name of their residency. The event is a true-life reality show, because students do not know ahead of time where they are going.



Thursday, May 18, 2017

[So Long and Farewell to the Class of 2017](#)

The Class of 2017 were the stars as they celebrated their graduation ceremony at the Hippodrome Theater on May 18. Hundreds of family, friends and faculty were there to cheer on the 160 graduates as they officially transitioned from students to doctors. “This celebration is also about you and, indeed, for you,” E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, Vice President for Medical Affairs, University of Maryland, and the John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor and Dean, University of Maryland School of Medicine, told the families “This celebration is also about you and, indeed, for you.



Monday, April 24, 2017

[New York Times Science Journalist Gina Kolata to Deliver Graduation Address to University of Maryland School of Medicine's 208th Graduating Class](#)

University of Maryland School of Medicine (UM SOM) Dean E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, along with students, parents, families, faculty and other members of the UM SOM community, will welcome award-winning science journalist and University of Maryland alumna, Gina Kolata, MS, as the graduation speaker for this year's graduating class. The UM SOM graduation ceremony will take place at 10am on May 18, 2017 at the Hippodrome Theater. As this year's speaker, Ms. Kolata will receive an honorary Dean's Medal from the UM SOM.



Wednesday, May 18, 2016

[Annual Student Awards Ceremony Recognizes Top Graduates](#)

The events leading up to Graduation 2016 kicked off in a special way the evening of May 18 with the 10th Annual Student Awards Ceremony and Dinner. Held at the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center, the awards dinner provided an opportunity to recognize the accomplished graduating students who have received scholarships, awards, and other academic prizes.



Thursday, May 14, 2015

[So Long, Farewell, Class of 2015](#)

The Class of 2015 received their doctoral hoods in a special graduation ceremony at the Baltimore Convention Center on May 14. Hundreds of family, friends and faculty were there to cheer on the 157 graduates as they officially transitioned from students to doctors.

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