



CUNY School of Medicine
SOPHIE DAVIS BIOMEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The City College
of New York

Inaugural MD Graduation

Thursday—May 21, 2020
11AM—1PM
Virtual Celebration

. AWARDS .

Inaugural Icon Award

H. Jack Geiger, MD, MSciHyg

In recognition of your visionary leadership and impact on the School's mission and students, and your lifelong commitment to human rights, social justice, and access to quality healthcare for the most vulnerable populations.

Inaugural Social Mission Award

Urban Health Plan, Inc.

**Dr. Richard Izquierdo, Founder
Paloma Izquierdo-Hernandez, President**

In recognition of your longstanding partnership with the School, and your steadfast commitment to meeting the health care needs of New York City's underserved communities and advancing diversity in the healthcare workforce.

PROGRAM

Welcome & Remarks

*Erica Friedman, MD, FACP
Interim Dean*

Remarks

*Vincent Boudreau, PhD
President, The City College of New York*

*Félix V. Matos Rodríguez, PhD
Chancellor City University of New York*

*Howard A. Zucker, MD, JD
Commissioner of Health for the State of New York*

Honored Keynote Speaker

*Jonathan Woodson, MD (SBE Class of 1977)
Director, Institute for Health System Innovation and Policy
Boston University*

Awards

*Inaugural Icon Award
presented by
Laurie Zephyrin, MD, MPH, MBA (SBE Class of 1997)
Vice President, Delivery System Reform
The Commonwealth Fund*

*Inaugural Social Mission Award
Presented by
Rosa Lee, MD
Associate Dean for Curriculum and Assessment*

Class Awards to Faculty

Ria Malhotra, MD & Justen Molina, MD

Class Speaker

Danielle Ferstler, MD

Hooding and Receipt of Diploma

*Announced by
Lisa Auerbach, MD, MS-HPED
Assistant Dean for the Clinical Curriculum*

Recitation of the Modern Physicians' Oath

*Led by
Holly Atkinson, MD and Sandy Saintonge, MD, MPH
Medical Student Advisors*

Alumni Charge

*Dr. QiLi Li (SBE Class of 1994)
President, Sophie Davis Alumni Community Board*

Conclusion & General Congratulations

MD CLASS OF 2020

Adela Rose L. Abogado

Ugochukwu O. Akpara

Ayesha T. Ali

Lisa C. Americo

Nicholas A. Apping

Henry H. Chen

Christy Chon

Shahid Dodson

Adel K. Elzanie

Ivie Eweka

Danielle Ferstler

Madona Gadalla

Ndeye F. Gningue

Ekramul M. Gofur

Ronald Michael Gutman

Yelizaveta Harit

Juan P. Hernandez Gomez

Amna Iftikhar

Stormy C. Keppel

Khadija Khan

Ria Malhotra

Sujith R. Maracheril

Faizullah Mashriqi

Shibin G. Mathews

David S. Matsibekker

Nora E. McNulty

Justen L. Molina

Eunice Monge

Malithi B. Navarathna

Garrett S. Ng

Alexandra Noveihed

Chidinma Nwaogbe

Nneka I. Ogbutor

Brittany A. Owusu-Adjei Thomson

Edward Theodore Perez

Monica Rizkalla

Rachel Saks

Gabriela Santiago Pichardo

Jessalyn W. Shen

Hazeezat I. Shittu

John J. Thomas

Abraham N. Tobias

Victoria L. Twito

Danissa J. Williams

Raymond Zou

BIOGRAPHIES

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Jonathan Woodson, BS'77, MD, MSS, FACS

Jonathan Woodson received his BS from the Sophie Davis Biomedical Program in 1977, the program's first graduating class, and MD from New York University School of Medicine. He received his postgraduate medical education at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, and completed residency training in internal medicine and general and vascular surgery. He is board certified in internal medicine, general surgery, vascular surgery and critical care surgery. He received a Master's in Strategic Studies from the U.S Army War College.

Dr. Woodson became the first Sophie Davis graduate to win the prestigious Townsend Harris award at the City College of New York. In 2007, He was named one of the top Vascular Surgeons in Boston and in 2008 was listed as one of the Top Surgeons in the U.S. He is the recipient of the 2009 Gold Humanism in Medicine Award from the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Dr. Woodson served from 2010 to 2016 as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs in the United States Department of Defense (DoD). In this role, he administered the over \$50 billion Military Health System budget and served as the principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense for all health and force health protection related issues and ensured the effective execution of the DoD medical mission.

Currently, Dr. Woodson leads Boston University's Institute for Health System Innovation and Policy. He is Larz Anderson Professor in Management and Professor of the Practice at the Questrom School of Business, and holds joint appointments as Professor of Surgery at the School of Medicine and Professor of Health Law, Policy, and Management at the School of Public Health.

AWARDEES

H. Jack Geiger, MD, MSciHyg

Dr. H. Jack Geiger was founder of the first federally funded community health centers in the United States, and led the development of the national health center network. Today more than 1,000 urban, rural and migrant centers serve approximately 18 million low-income patients.

He is co-founder of the Congress of Racial Equality, and served as civil liberties chairman of the American Veterans Committee. In the 1960s, Dr. Geiger provided medical care for civil rights workers during the 1965 civil rights protests in Selma, AL, and other southern cities.

He is a founding member and past president of Physicians for Social Responsibility, which received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985, and of Physicians for Human Rights, which shared the Nobel Peace Prize in 1998. His work has earned him numerous honors, including election to Senior Membership in the Institute of Medicine and the National Academy of Sciences, and the American Public Health Association's Sedgewick Memorial Medal for Distinguished Service in Public Health.

In recognition of his work on racial and ethnic discrimination in health care, the Congressional Black, Hispanic and Asian American Caucuses have created the H. Jack Geiger Congressional Fellowships on Health Disparities for young minority scholars.

From 1978 – 1997, Dr. Geiger served as the Chair of the Department of Community Health and Social Medicine at the Sophie Davis Biomedical Education Program. He was instrumental in the development of the Health, Medicine and Society curriculum, pioneering the integration of social medicine into the model of primary care which continues to guide our School's pedagogy. He is revered by generations of Sophie Davis Program alumni.

Urban Health Plan, Inc.
Dr. Richard Izquierdo, Founder
Paloma Izquierdo-Hernandez President

Dr. Richard Izquierdo's dedication has always been to serve the medical needs of his community. He became an icon for the neighborhood and a person who was always sought out, becoming an "Urban Country Doctor." In 1962, he opened his first practice on Southern Boulevard in the Bronx, two blocks from where he grew up. In 1967, he purchased an abandoned building on Southern Boulevard and Westchester Avenue to create the San Juan Health Center, which operated until 1974, when it became Urban Health Plan (UHP), Inc. Now, as a federally qualified health center and medical home, which has received national recognition for its excellence, UHP provides comprehensive primary and specialty care health services for patients in medically underserved communities throughout New York City. In 2010, Dr. Izquierdo opened the Dr. Richard Izquierdo Health and Science Charter School in the South Bronx. The school is the first charter school in New York City to offer a career and technical education program geared towards preparing students for jobs in the health care sector. As a longstanding clinical training site for our students, UHP has been a role model for our students in how to provide holistic healthcare for underserved communities and the importance of addressing social determinants in improving patient outcomes. The Dr. Richard Izquierdo Health and Science Charter School has provided service-learning opportunities for our students and shares the goal of our summer pipeline program in increasing the diversity of the healthcare workforce. UHP has been a critical partner with CUNY School of Medicine/Sophie Davis Biomedical Education Program in meeting our shared mission to improve equity through healthcare and education.

Among the many awards and honors Dr. Izquierdo has received are the Surgeon General's Medallion from the 17th Surgeon General of the United States, Dr. Richard H. Carmona, and the Dr. Jack Geiger Award from the Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANYS).

Paloma Izquierdo-Hernandez has devoted her career to reducing health disparities in the Bronx community in which Urban Health Plan is located. She shepherded the expansion of the organization from a one-site facility in the South Bronx, to a network of federally qualified community health centers. It now includes ten sites in the Bronx, Central Harlem and Queens; eleven school health programs; a mental health facility; two part-time facilities for at-risk populations; three WIC programs; and multiple other grant-funded programs. In 2001, she coordinated the construction of a 40,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility that is Urban Health Plan's Bronx headquarters with a new, 60,000-square foot extension that opened in January 2014. Ms. Izquierdo-Hernandez has championed the mission of CSOM in her continuous commitment to being our clinical partner and in developing and sustaining our Longitudinal Clinical Experience at UHP.

Urban Health Plan has won countless accolades for innovation, including National Exemplary Award for reducing asthma-related hospitalization rates in the South Bronx. The Bureau of Primary Health Care named UHP one of the top twenty community health centers in the country.

A Modern Hippocratic Oath
(abridged & adapted from the version authored by Dr. Louis Lasagna)

I swear to fulfill, to the best of my ability and judgement, this covenant:

I will respect the hard-won scientific gains of those practitioners in whose steps I walk, and gladly share such knowledge as is mine with those who are to follow.

I will apply, for the benefit of the sick all measures which are required.

I will remember that there is art to medicine as well as science.

I will not be ashamed to say “I know not.”

I will respect the privacy of my patients, for their problems are not disclosed to me that the world may know.

I will not permit considerations of gender, race, religion, political affiliation, sexual orientation, nationality, or social standing to influence my duty of care.

I will remember that I do not treat a fever chart, a cancerous growth, but a sick human being, whose illness may affect their entire family.

I will prevent disease whenever I can, for prevention is preferable to cure.

I will remember that I remain a member of society, with special obligations to all my fellow human beings, those sound of mind and body, as well as the infirm.

If I follow this oath, may I enjoy life and art, respected while I live and remembered with affection hereafter. May I always act so as to preserve the finest traditions of my calling and may I long experience the joy of healing those who seek my help.