

Grateful

at

Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine

According to various studies on medical education, nearly all medical students will experience some form of distress, burnout or depression throughout their training. Although some days can be really difficult, there are so many wonderful people at our school who are doing really exciting, positive things for our Geisinger Commonwealth community. *Grateful at Geisinger Commonwealth* was founded in order to highlight these rays of sunshine in our medical school lives and to brighten each of our days by focusing on the good things happening here at Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine!



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I am grateful for...

Edmund Abdou – You worked long, hard hours for this goal. This achievement shows your determination, commitment and strength as an individual. Enjoy every minute! Congratulations, Dr. Abdou!

- Linda Learn

Matthew Adams – Your professionalism and commitment to your specialty have been extraordinary. It is my honor to call you doctor. You patients will be blessed to have you care for them. Congratulations and all the best to you as you begin your career! I know do will do amazing things.

- Linda Learn

Matthew Adams – How lucky I was to blindly choose a roommate the summer before M1 who would end up becoming my best friend! We've made so many incredible memories these past 4 years (most of which involved Thai food), and medical school just wouldn't have been the same without you. You are truly one of the smartest people I know and I'm confident you will do incredible things in your future, both in and out of the OR.

- Lauren Schumacher, M4

Matthew Adams – Despite being one of the hardest working individuals I have ever met, you always made time to bring happiness to the most challenging days of medical school. I know for a fact you have incredible things in your future at SUNY Downstate!

- Lauren Skudalski, M3

Matthew Adams – For always making the time to chat with us, answer our endless questions, and show us the way! Good luck in BKLYN!

- Randy Lesh and Jino Park, M3

Matthew Adams – Thank you for always helping the M3 class and offering advice when we would ask. You were always friendly and easy to approach.

- M3

Anis Adnani – Congratulations, doctor! So happy for you! Celebrate and enjoy

- Linda Learn

Anis Adnani – For inspiring me to be the best person and future doctor I can be. For supporting me through the toughest points of medical school and, of course, celebrating the best ones. For being a strong and compassionate advocate for our patients. For being the best thing to happen to me in these four wild years. Chi-town here we come!

- Lauren Schumacher, M4

Anis Adnani – Thank you for being you! Thank you for all the laughs and hanging out with Matt. Your beautiful, beautiful voice will forever be in my head! I can't wait to see all the great things you do, and people you help!

- Molly Kropp Lopez, M2

Anis Adnani – For being so calm, cool and collected. Thanks for showing me the ropes during my internal medicine rotation – you are such a kind person with such a calming presence. You are going to be an amazing emergency medicine physician!

- M3

Jordan Alter – Graduation is both a completion and a start! Wishing you the best for your future. Congratulations on all you've accomplished, Dr. Alter! You've made us all proud.

- Linda Learn

Jordan Alter – Thanks for being a swell pal. Your insights and kind words are only outshined by your smile. Congrats on everything sir.

- Thomas Cronin

Jordan Alter – He gave me tons of useful advice on studying for class and preparing to apply for residency programs. I hope he excels in his residency program in pediatrics at UMASS!

- Tice Harkins, M1

Jordan Alter – For being the literal life of the party. All the time. Even if there's no party. You have always been such an amazing support, with so much more insight than you give yourself credit for. You will be missed SO MUCH at this school, but we all know you are going to be an amazing pediatrician. Massachusetts is so lucky to have you!

- M3

Alexander Anzelmi – Lots and lots of hard work went into this and didn't go unnoticed. Congratulations on achieving your future!

- Julia Kolcharno

Alexander Anzelmi – Thank you for always helping classmates whenever someone needed! You were always calm and took time to listen to others. You are going to make an amazing physician with whom patients will feel comfortable sharing their personal stories.

- M3

Tara Avery – You did it, Dr. Avery! I couldn't possibly be any happier for you. Wishing you all the best as you start the next step in your journey! Congratulations! So happy you'll be part of our health system.

- Linda Learn

Tara Avery – You are going to be the best physician and I am so grateful to have you as a peer and forever friend!

- M4

Tara Avery – Tara, you are a goddess. You are one of the fiercest, strongest women I have ever met. I will forever owe you for not only taking me under your wing during my first-ever rotation, but for altering the way I think about myself. You inspired me to be more confident and less timid in the hospital. You made me feel like I belonged there just as much as anyone else. I don't know what I would've done without you. You are going to be an amazing dermatologist and I cannot wait to see what you accomplish in the next few years.

- M3

Jonathan Behrman – Lots and lots of hard work went into this and didn't go unnoticed. Congratulations on achieving your future, Dr. Behrman. You will be an amazing doctor.

- Linda Learn

Michael Belko – Congratulations on an impressive achievement! You reached for your dream and achieved it! Your patients will be blessed to have you as their doctor.

- Julia Kolcharno

Michael Belko – You were always so positive and friendly with a warm presence. I know you will succeed in your new role as resident physician and your patients will love you.

- M3

William Bird – You've taken on the most incredible, amazing journey to become a doctor. Continue to follow your dreams. So proud of you! So happy for you! Thank you for all you've done for your classmates. Congratulations! Now, go celebrate!

- Linda Learn

William Bird – For his practice questions. I used them throughout Systems and they have helped me a lot. Wishing you the best!

- M2

William Bird – Dr. Bird. THE Will Bird. where do I even begin? From our humble beginnings in Zummo's café playing video games to your knitted brain hat and stealing your food in Danville. You will forever be one of my most steadfast role models, one of my closest friends, and like the older brother I've never had (but always kind of wanted? Maybe not, but I mean, it's easy to say you WANT one when you don't have one). Your encouragement and words of wisdom have molded me into the student I am today. I undoubtedly would not have survived this far without you. Thank you for always keeping me sane and grounded in reality – it's so easy to lose sight of the things that really matter when your nose is pressed against the grindstone for so long. I will endlessly admire your perseverance, your passion and your almost unbelievably resilient kindness. I don't know how you do it sometimes. None of us deserve you, Will, but you will be remembered for generations of medical students as the legend that you are.

- M3

William Bird – Thanks for being an amazing mentor this past year and taking time to help me out! Looking forward to hearing about your achievements in the field of medicine in the future!

- Vaibhav Sharma, M3

Hannah Bohr – May the future bring even more success for you! You are going to be an amazing doctor. Congratulations and best wishes as you move into the next phase of your career!

- Linda Learn

Hannah Bohr – Thank you for always being so warm and inclusive!

- M3

Alexa Bolock – You didn't need a medical degree to change the world but there is no stopping you now. Can't wait to see what you achieve! Best wishes!

- Julia Kolcharno

Alexa Bolock – Thank you for holding the info session in the beginning of the year to help the M3 class! You always shared resources and were willing to answer honestly any questions we had.

- M3

Brandon Bombar – Congratulations on your brilliant achievement, Dr. Bombar! So very happy for you! You have made us all proud. Best wishes going forward.

- Linda Learn

Brandon Bombar – Lucky to know you. Medical school would not have been the same without you! You will be the best anesthesiologist!

- M4

Brandon Bombar – For being such a good source of advice for us Guthrie students! You are so nice, so funny, and so unbothered by all of the little things that have driven us MD3s insane this year. You are going to do amazing work in anesthesiology!

- M3

Brandon Bombar – For being a great mentor throughout medical school, I always knew I could count on you for advice and a laugh. Best of luck in this next chapter!

- M3

Brandon Bombar – For always making me laugh and keeping me sane in Sayre!

- M4

George Bourdages – Step aside ... doctor coming through! Congratulations and best wishes always, Dr. Bourdages!

- Linda Learn

George Bourdages – Thank you for always taking the time to answer questions we had pertaining to school! You were always so kind and very approachable.

- M3

Matthew Busch – You've taken on the most incredible, amazing journey toward becoming a doctor. Continue to follow your dreams. So proud of you!

- Julia Kolcharno

Matthew Busch – I will always be grateful that Matt was assigned as my tutor during Biochem of my M1 year. While he has worn many hats in my life at this point--tutor, anatomy lab TA, mentor, residency coach--he has been helpful and supportive in each one. I don't know how I would have gotten through the first two years without his guidance, and he has continued to advise me all throughout M3. He has always gone above and beyond what is required of him in everything he does and does so with enthusiasm and kindness. It's not often you meet someone as ridiculously smart as he is, with great social-emotional intelligence AND without a shred of arrogance--but that's Matt; I've often joked that he's the kind of person you want to hate for being good at everything, but he's so nice you can't help but like him. Due to all of this (and more), I have no doubt he is going to be an incredible doctor. Congratulations Matt, I will be proudly cheering you on from afar!

- Caitlin Tillson, M3

Matthew Busch – Thank you for being such an amazing friend and grateful to have you as a fellow pediatrician!

- M4

Matthew Busch – Matt was a great teammate during club soccer and I am glad to have learned so much about the sport from him.

- M2

Matthew Busch – For being such a great role model and amazing future pediatrician! I appreciated all of our tutoring/ranting sessions so much and I could not have done first and second year without you! Thank you so much for taking the time to share your knowledge with me. I am so excited to see what you do in the future. Congratulations, Dr. Busch! :)

- Kelly Ca, M3

Matthew Busch – Thank you for being a great leader for the GCSOM community! You were always willing to help anyone in need and were a perfect example of what it is to be a well-rounded physician involved in their community.

- M3

Daniel Caredeo – Happy Graduation, Dr. Caredeo! So very happy for you! You are going to be an awesome psychiatrist! Congratulations on all you've achieved. I've enjoyed working with you.

- Linda Learn

Daniel Caredeo – Dan is such a calming and balancing presence. I appreciate his perspectives on M4 year, and ESPECIALLY his perspective on STEP. I cannot emphasize how much his thoughtful words calmed me, they still echo in my head when I'm starting to get stressed out. Not only that, but he also has very refreshing and interesting perspectives. I am excited to hear what he has to say whenever he talks, because he is very deliberate with his words. He is going to be an amazing psychiatrist :D

- Anthony Marchlewski, M2

Daniel Caredeo – For putting up with all of us in the cave! Dan is an incredibly kind and compassionate person and always takes the time to support friends who may be struggling. His empathy will make him an awesome psychiatrist and his patients are lucky to have him!

- M2

Daniel Caredeo – For being one of the gentlest and most genuine people I have met in this lifetime. You have always been so calm and comforting. You are going to make the most incredible psychiatrist – I honestly wish that I could go to you right now!

- M3

Kelley Chan – This is indeed a proud moment. Enjoy every second of it! Congratulations and best wishes for the future! You will be an awesome doctor!

- Linda Learn

Kelley Chan – You are so kind and sweet! Thank you for always going out of your way to listen or help your friends in need.

- M3

Mahrukh Choudhary – Best wishes as you embark on your career. You will be an amazing doctor. So very happy for you. Wishing you great success always. Congratulations!

- Linda Learn

Mahrukh Choudhary – You were a trustworthy, competent and perennially cheerful library clerk. We miss you in the library!

- Iris Johnston

Mahrukh Choudhary – Thank you for helping the M3 class whenever we needed it!

- M3

Sana Chughtai – Sincere congratulations, Dr. Chughtai! You are going to do great things. So happy for you. Celebrate your accomplishment!

- Linda Learn

Sana Chughtai – I always think of you as sunny- not just because of how you explain your name's pronunciation, but because you were such a helpful and competent library clerk. We will miss you!

- Iris Johnston

Cynthia Ciccotelli – Congratulations! You are going to be an awesome doctor and your patients will be blessed to have you caring for them. Best wishes always!

- Linda Learn

Cynthia Ciccotelli – You have always helped and cared for the underclassmen! Thank you for sharing all your knowledge and passion for medicine with us. It is truly inspiring to watch.

- M3

Corey Coleman – You've sacrificed a lot by working to reach your goals. It's all paid off! Congratulations, Dr. Coleman!

- Julia Kolcharno

Corey Coleman – Thank you for always being so friendly and always willing to help with any questions pertaining to school and the material being taught.

- M3

Alayna Craig-Lucas – When you give great effort, the outcomes are amazing, and you are living evidence of that. Congratulations on all you have achieved!

- Julia Kolcharno

Alayna Craig-Lucas – Thank you for being the most wonderful exercise partner, study buddy and Thai food/cupcake companion. I would not have made it this far without you by my side. Wishing you the brightest future at LVHN!

- Lauren Skudalski, M3

Alayna Craig-Lucas – For riding the roller coaster of fourth year--rotations, applications, interviews, surgery bootcamp, house-hunting, and more--with me and helping me to feel just a little less overwhelmed through it all. I'm not sure I'd have made it through without our ongoing group text (shout-out to Kathy), near-daily venting/debrief sessions and back-and-forth cat snaps. You're the best!

- Jess Becker, M4

Alayna Craig-Lucas – Grateful that anatomy lab forced us to become friends. You will be the most amazing physician!

- M4

Alayna Craig-Lucas – For being the savior of our entire tutoring group. We were so incredibly lucky to have had you as our tutor for two years and to learn anatomy from a future surgeon :) I absolutely would not be where I am in medical school without you! Congratulations, Dr. Craig-Lucas! You're going to be so amazing in anything you do!

- Kelly Ca, M3

Alayna Craig-Lucas – For being the most amazing tutor, mentor and guide through my time in med school. You are so driven and resilient. Thank you for inspiring me to chase after the things that I want with the same enthusiasm you've used to succeed. You are an incredible role model and one of the toughest people I can think of. I can't wait to see you succeed as a surgeon!

- M3

Alayna Craig-Lucas – For being kind, positive, intelligent and truly caring about the success of others. You're going to do amazing things as a surgeon!

- M3

Erin Dickey – You worked long, hard hours for this goal. This achievement shows your determination, commitment and strength as an individual. Enjoy every minute! Congratulations!

- Julia Kolcharno

Erin Dickey – Thank you for always being so friendly and kind! You are a great team player and are going to make the best surgeon.

- M3

Sashank Dusi – Congratulations on your well-deserved success, Doctor Dusi!

- Julia Kolcharno

Sashank Dusi – You are one of the funniest people, I swear. Thank you forever for the memes, the general advice, the political discussions and everything in between. You're going to be so great in internal medicine!

- M3

Miriam Eagleson – You've sacrificed a lot by working diligently to reach your goal of becoming a doctor and you've succeeded! Congratulations!

- Julia Kolcharno

Miriam Eagleson – Thank you for your design work on Black Diamonds! So grateful that you volunteered your time and talents!

- Heather Davis, Staff

Brittney Ehrlich – Many hours of study and lots of sacrifice has resulted in celebration. Happy graduation and heartfelt congratulations, Dr. Ehrlich! So proud of you.

- Linda Learn

Brian Entler – Congratulations on your achievement and best wishes for a successful career!

- Julia Kolcharno

Brian Entler – For being so passionate in everything you do and advocate for. You are going to be an incredible anesthesiologist. There are very few people with whom I would feel safer.

- M3

Sean Farrell – Congratulations, Dr. Farrell! You've done it and I couldn't possibly be happier for you! Celebrate all you've achieved!

- Linda Learn

Timothy Farrell – Your degree isn't only a piece of paper...it represents years of hard work and sacrifice. Congratulations on all you have achieved!

- Julia Kolcharno

Timothy Farrell – For being a fantastic friend and constant supportive presence throughout medical school. Tim will always make time to offer advice, listen to my rants, or watch whatever insane TikToks I send him. Beyond that, I am incredibly proud of all of his hard work and dedication to becoming a physician. Very grateful to call him my friend!

- M2

Timothy Farrell – Thank you for being awesome! You make us proud every day. I know that you will be a great physician.

- Timothy J Farrell MD, Staff

Mary Fei – You've taken on the most incredible, amazing journey to become a doctor. Continue to follow your dreams. So proud of you and happy for you! Your patients are going to enjoy having you as their doctor. I've enjoyed working with you. Congratulations, Dr. Fei!

- Linda Learn

Mary Fei – You are one of the sweetest people and extremely easy to talk to. You care about those around you and are willing to help anyone who needs it which is going to make you the best pediatrician! Thanks for being such an amazing friend and for always give the best advice.

- M3

Regino Flores – May the future bring even more success for you! Congratulations!

- Julia Kolcharno

Regino Flores – For being such a sweet person. You have such a kind presence. I can't wait to see you flourish in psychiatry!

- M3

Ilya Frid – Congratulations on your brilliant achievement, Dr. Frid!

- Julia Kolcharno

Ilya Frid – Thank you for always sharing your knowledge! You have always been so friendly, kind and dedicated to achieving you dreams which has been inspiring!

- M3

Ussama Ghumman – Congratulations on this wonderful achievement, doctor! The horizon leans forward, offering you the space to place new steps of change.

- Julia Kolcharno

Ussama Ghumman – You are a great friend and thank you for always staying calm and composed when I would be stressing out to you! You always took the time to listen and find ways to help. I can't wait to see all you do as an internal medicine doctor.

- M3

Nicole Gillman – If you dream it, you can do it! You've fulfilled your dream. So happy for you! Congratulations!

- Julia Kolcharno

Nicole Gillman – Thank you for always being friendly and personable! You were always willing to answer any questions the M3s had, and you gave great advice!

- M3

Camille Gonzalez – You have worked hard, and it's paid off for you. You are going to be an amazing doctor and I am so proud of you! Congratulations, Dr. Gonzalez!

- Linda Learn

Camille Gonzalez – You are so sweet and a very real friend, always giving the best advice! I am so thankful for the insight you provided to the Guthrie students during the beginning of M3 year and to individual students the whole year through!

- M3

Geetika Gupta – Congratulations on all you have accomplished so far! Your calm demeanor and commitment to medicine have been evident to everyone who knows you. Your resiliency will carry you as you continue your pursuit of caring for others.

- Julia Kolcharno

Nhuna Ha – Congratulations on your achievement and best wishes for a successful career! Take time to celebrate your accomplishments!

- Linda Learn

Nhuna Ha – For being so kind and so graceful through your med school career. You are going to be an amazing EM doc!

- M3

Jennifer Hall – Happy beginnings to the start of your career! Congratulations! You've earned this! And I couldn't be happier for you.

- Linda Learn

Jennifer Hall – She was an incredible mentor throughout medical school and will be an even more incredible plastic surgeon!

- Sana Chughtai

Emily Herman – Congratulations and best wishes as you transition into residency! You already have so much of which to be proud. Your patients are truly fortunate to have someone like you advocating for them.

- Julia Kolcharno

Emily Herman – For being such an AMAZING human. I am so incredibly glad that I met you – thank you for being so sweet and so fun to be around! Your future patients are so lucky to have you. If I end up in Philadelphia, I'm hunting you down to be my doctor!

- M3

David Hinnenkamp – Congratulations on your achievement and best wishes for a successful career!

- Linda Learn

Nathan Hoff – Congratulations on some very impressive achievements! You've worked hard and it's paid off. So happy for you and I wish you the best.

- Linda Learn

Mathew Hope – Best wishes as you embark on your career. Wishing you great success always. Congratulations!

- Julia Kolcharno

Adam Howell – Congratulations on your achievement and best wishes for a successful career!

- Julia Kolcharno

Stephen Jaqua – Each and every sacrifice that you made has paid off. Congratulations, Doctor, Jaqua! You are going to be an awesome pediatrician!

- Linda Learn

Stephen Jaqua – For being one of my closest friends and biggest supports through an incredibly difficult year. You are one of the sweetest, most genuine people I have ever met – I swear that you bring literal sunshine into every room you walk into. You are funny, smart, humble and one of the most interesting people to have come through this medical school. I swear, I am going to hunt you down to force you to be my pediatrician when I have children, because you are the type of person that every child needs to have to look up to. You are going to be such an amazing influence on your patients, and I am so glad that North Carolina will get to reap the benefits of training you.

- M3

Jennifer Jordan – She believed she could, so she did! Best wishes in the future!

- Julia Kolcharno

Jennifer Jordan – She is always friendly, welcoming and helpful. Thank you for bringing great joy to my time on NICU ☺

- M3

Jennifer Jordan – Thank you for being so kind and warm!

- M3

Bridget Keehan – You are going to be an amazing doctor! Congratulations on your achievement, Dr. Keehan! So happy for you. Celebrate!

- Linda Learn

Bridget Keehan – Your optimism and positive attitude made medical school much more enjoyable! Grateful to have you as a fellow future pediatrician!

- M4

Kelly Keenan – You've worked hard, and the outcome has been amazing! So very happy for you. Congratulations! You deserve the best. Celebrate it all!

- Linda Learn

Rachel Kennett – It's been a long journey to reach this point, but oh so worth it all. Congratulations!

- Julia Kolcharno

Jessica Knapp – Those who don't compromise with hard work are blessed with success. Congratulations! You have worked so hard and helped so many along the way. GCSOM is a better place because of you. Wishing you the absolute best going forward. You are amazing!

- Linda Learn

Jessica Knapp – Jess has often been a calming presence during a chaotic year. She works with our group on the Human Trafficking curriculum as the sole M4, in addition to always being available for me when I had Peds questions about M4 and residency. I am grateful for her always being sweet and kind and am sure it will serve her well in Peds where the kids will appreciate her positive presence. Thanks for all you do Jess, and good luck in residency! <3

- Caitlin Tillson, M3

Jessica Knapp – Thank you for your leadership during first and second year of medical school! You are going to make the best pediatrician.

- M3

Tara Knox – It's been a long hard road and you did it! I know how hard you've worked. So happy for you. Congratulations on all you have accomplished! Take some time to celebrate YOU!

- Linda Learn

Ryan Kozloski – Congratulations, Dr. Kozloski! Quite an achievement! So very happy for you!

- Julia Kolcharno

Ryan Kozloski – Thank you for always taking the time to listen to the underclassmen and provide any advice when we asked.

- M3

Saran Kunaprayoon – Congratulations on an amazing achievement! Earning your MD is no easy feat. Wishing you the absolute best as you move forward in your career. You will accomplish great things.

- Linda Learn

Saran Kunaprayoon – Thank you for always being so helpful and kind! You always took the time to help out your peers when studying for exams.

- M3

Kenneth Lam – Your degree isn't only a piece of paper...it represents years of hard work and sacrifice. Congratulations on all you have achieved! Best wishes to you going forward.

- Linda Learn

Kenneth Lam – I very much appreciate all your help with organizing the a cappella groups' holiday video involvement over the last few years! Come back and do a cameo some time!

- Heather Davis, Staff

Kenneth Lam – Thank you for always helping the M3 class whenever we needed it! You were so kind and helpful. You were always willing to share your knowledge to help your peers. You are going to make an amazing physician.

- M3

Jonathan Livezey – If you dream it, you can do it! And you did it! Congratulations and best wishes!

- Julia Kolcharno

Jonathan Livezey – For being so funny and so helpful all through medical school. You have always been so kind and easy to talk to. You're going to be an amazing surgeon. I would be so relieved to have someone like you operating on me!

- M3

Haley Lombardo – Congratulations! You've reached an amazing goal with a lot of hard work. So happy for you! You will be an awesome doctor!

- Linda Learn

Meghan Lóser – You deserve every bit of your success. You are amazing and I'm happy I've had the opportunity to work with you. Wishing the absolute best going forward. Congratulations, Dr. Loser!

- Linda Learn

Meghan Lóser – Thank you for being you! I am thankful for you taking a chance on me to be here. You are such a happy, fun-loving person. I can't wait to see how successful that makes you as a doctor. Patients will be lucky to have you.

- Molly Kropp Lopez, M2

Meghan Lóser – For being such a fierce and passionate woman in medicine and such an amazing role model. You are so sweet and so down to earth – you are going to do amazing things in internal medicine!

- M3

Wojciech Losos – Happy beginnings to the start of your career! Congratulations, Dr. Losos! Take some time to celebrate!

- Linda Learn

Connor Magura – Continue to climb and aspire excellence. You are one of a kind and you are going to do amazing things. Best wishes and sincere congratulations!

- Linda Learn

Connor Magura – For always being so helpful and willing to chat! You have a great sense of humor and such a calming presence. Your future patients are going to absolutely love you!

- M3

Jenna Marinock – Congratulations on your achievement and best wishes for a successful career, Dr. Marinock! Celebrate!

- Linda Learn

Jenna Marinock – For being such an amazing friend and support through medical school! So glad we will be in Philly together!

- M4

Alexander McGeough – Those who don't compromise with hard work are blessed with success. You've worked hard. Congratulations on your success! You deserve every bit of it. So happy for you!

- Linda Learn

Alexander McGeough – For being so kind and offering advice when I was on my first-ever rotation. Your willingness to help us out in the NICU was so nice!

- M3

Sharmeen Mian – You didn't need a medical degree to change the world but there is no stopping you now. You make me smile. Can't wait to see what you achieve! Best wishes!

- Linda Learn

Sharmeen Mian – For always being a wonderful, supportive mentor and friend!

- Stephanie Tilberry, M3

Sharmeen Mian – Thank you for always helping the M3 class whenever anyone asked for advice! Also, thank you for always being so friendly and outgoing!

- M3

Demi Miller – Congrats Dr. Miller on accomplishing your childhood dream. Your patients are so fortunate to have such a caring and compassionate advocate who truly understands their challenges. Hoping we will see you a lot since you will continue to be a part of the Geisinger community.

- Julia Kolcharno

Alexa Mills – Step aside ... doctor coming through! Best wishes always!

- Julia Kolcharno

Matthew Moran – You've done it! Congratulations, Dr. Moran! So happy for you. Best wishes in all you do!

- Linda Learn

Matthew Moran – For being such a goofball. You are one of the sweetest people without ever seeming to realize it. You're going to be amazing in internal medicine, and your patients are going to love you!

- M3

Maura Morgan – Those who don't compromise with hard work are blessed with success. Congratulations on that success! So happy for you!
- Julia Kolcharno

Maura Morgan – For being a great mentor, role model and friend. Maura's confident determination is going to make for an amazing surgeon, and she's going to have a positive impact on so many people!
- M2

Erik Moyer – Happy beginnings to the start of your career! Congratulations!
- Julia Kolcharno

Alyssa Muchisky – I wanted to offer you my sincerest congratulations and best wishes as you assume your role as a doctor. Be proud of everything you have accomplished. You deserve it.
- Julia Kolcharno

Alyssa Muchisky – Thank you for always being a good friend. You were my first introduction into the world of medicine (and physical exams) while in the MBS program. I will use those skills you taught me throughout my career. You are going to do great things! I am lucky to have had met you.
- Molly Kropp Lopez, M2

Christine Murphy – This is indeed a proud moment. Enjoy! Best wishes for the future!
- Julia Kolcharno

Mary Ann Nyc – Congratulations! You earned the amazing privilege of caring for others. I have been truly impressed by your commitment and resiliency.
- Julia Kolcharno

Sahil Pandya – Your efforts have paid off and you deserve every bit of your success! Wishing you the best in all your future endeavors.
- Julia Kolcharno

Neil Patel – It's been a long hard road and you did it! Congratulations on all you have accomplished!
- Julia Kolcharno

Neil Patel – Thank you for taking the time to answer any questions I had pertaining to school and careers! You were so helpful and gracious and went above and beyond to answer questions.
- M3

Rachel Peine – Graduation is a special and exciting moment. Earning your MD deserves a real celebration. All the best to you going forward. Congratulations, Dr. Peine!
- Linda Learn

Rachel Peine – Thank you for being so sweet and taking the time to give the M3s at Guthrie advice the first couple weeks of school!
- M3

Joshua Petengill – Your efforts have paid off and you deserve every bit of your success! You are going to be an awesome doctor. Wishing you the best in all your future endeavors. Congratulations!
- Linda Learn

Andres Rodriguez – All of your hard work has resulted in the achievement of your dream. So very happy for you! Congratulations. You are going to be an excellent pediatrician!
- Linda Learn

Andres Rodriguez – Thank you for always bringing such a warm presence into any room you entered! You are going to make an awesome pediatrician!
- M3

Rosa Roman – You will bring smiles to many faces with your treatment and care. Congratulations, Dr. Roman!
- Julia Kolcharno

Rosa Roman – For always being able to help out and bring a smile. You are going to be an amazing pediatrician!
- M3

Rosa Roman – For being an amazing friend and mentor and for always letting me hold your babies. I can't wait to see all the amazing things you accomplish as a pediatrician! Superstar, rock star, doctor-mom!
- Hannah Sofield, M3

Jasmine Santos – You are going to bring smiles to the many faces under your care. You are truly a shining star. I'm so grateful I've had the opportunity to work with you. Congratulations, Dr. Santos! I am so very happy for you!
- Linda Learn

Jasmine Santos – For being the most amazing peer mentor I could ever ask for! Thank you so much for everything you've done for me. I'm so glad I got to follow in your footsteps from high school to medical school. You are such a wonderful human being and will be the absolute best FM doc! Philly is unbelievably lucky to have you back, Dr. Santos! :)
- Kelly Ca, M3

Jasmine Santos – For being one of the sweetest, gentlest people. I wish I could have you as my doctor right now. You bring a calming presence into every room you enter. You deserve nothing but the best and you are going to be SO loved by your patients!
- M3

Sarah Schreiber – You have displayed a valiant soul, which I know will continue to guide you in supporting and helping others. Congratulations!
- Julia Kolcharno

Lauren Schumacher – Your persistence and confidence have driven to your success as a student and now a doctor. I am so excited to see what the future holds for you.
- Julia Kolcharno

Lauren Schumacher – To the friend who has always set the best example of compassion and selflessness - your future patients at Rush University do not even realize the great things coming their way!
- Lauren Skudalski, M4

Lauren Schumacher – Thank you for being such a beautiful soul! I am so thankful to have met you! I could not have asked for a better friend or mentor through the years. I can't wait to see how successful you're going to be! I will never forget you, as you will always be on my mind when I look at my engagement photos!
- Molly Kropp Lopez, M2

Lauren Schumacher – You were always so warm and friendly, giving off positive energy in any room you entered! You always took the time to give advice if anyone asked. You are a great listener and very understanding. You are going to make a great psychiatrist.
- M3

Dipam Shah – Graduation is a special and exciting moment. Earning your MD deserves a real celebration! Congratulations, Dr. Shah!
- Julia Kolcharno

Dipam Shah – For always beating me at ping pong and keeping me humble.
- M4

Dipam Shah – Thank you for always being so kind and offering the best advice to the M3 class. You were always willing to help whenever anyone asked.
- M3

Julia Shamis – She believed she could, so she did! Congratulations! You are destined for great things. Best wishes as you embark on your career, Dr. Shamis!
- Linda Learn

Kevin Simpson – So happy for you! Congratulations on your well-deserved success, Dr. Simpson! You will be an awesome doctor and I'm grateful I've had the opportunity to work with you.
- Linda Learn

Kevin Simpson – For being my universe soulmate. Kevin, I am so unbelievably proud of you, it's hard to put it into words. From learning to swing in preschool to learning to read together in kindergarten, to our almost identical high school schedules and accidentally choosing the same major at the same college, to the same medical school and the same clinical campus – I can't believe that for the first time in our lives, we will finally go our separate ways. I'm going to miss bragging about you to all of the mutual friends we've somehow made over the years, but I guess the one good thing is that when I tell new people about you, I can embellish on my stories more. I've always admired your ridiculous work ethic – all the way back in AP Physics, when you would miss four days out of the week and still do better on tests than me. (Rude. It's OK though. I forgive you.) You are going to be such an amazing physician. See you in the next life, Ozark Simpson.
- Sarah, M3

Adit Singhal – You worked long, hard hours for this goal. This achievement shows your determination, commitment and strength as an individual. Enjoy every minute! Congratulations!
- Linda Learn

Katherine Snyder – Many hours of study and lots of sacrifice has gone into today. Happy graduation and heartfelt congratulations, Dr. Snyder!
- Julia Kolcharno

Katherine Snyder – Kathy Snyder - Thank you for being such an amazing mentor over the last year! I admire your passion and dedication to your patients and to addressing larger issues in mental & behavioral healthcare. You embody the type of doctor I hope to become one day!
- M2

Katherine Snyder – Kathy is so wonderfully observant and empathetic, not to mention insanely driven and organized. Having her as a peer support has also been so helpful and alleviated a lot of my anxiety about those big scary medical school milestones. I especially appreciate her ability to put things in perspective or interrupt self-critical thought patterns :) She will be an amazing psychiatrist, that's for sure!
- Anthony Marchlewski, M2

Katherine Snyder – For consistently advocating for students and graciously navigating conversations that are often difficult, but very needed. You've been a great role model for students, and I can only hope to be the compassionate physician that I know you will be!

- Sydney Shade, M2

Katherine Snyder – For always being a listening ear (and for semi-regularly talking me down from my sleep-deprived and stressed-out states of panic...you are a saint for tolerating the group text that Alayna and I tend to dominate with our woes). Fourth year certainly had its share of unique challenges, but your encouragement & support made all the difference!

- Jess Becker, M4

Katherine Snyder – You extended your support to me when I was in the MBS program and now as a M4, you're giving us lectures during the Mind block. I'm thankful for your unwavering desire to give back when you can. I wish you nothing but the best in Washington!

- M2

Katherine Snyder – I admire Kathy so much! She has put unbelievable effort into student wellness by advocating for us to the administration and starting GPS, and she was also a really helpful instructor in Mind block. Thank you for reminding us to be kind to each other, respectful to ourselves, and understanding to our future patients!

- Irene Lin, M2

Katherine Snyder – Thank you for your kindness. You have always welcomed me and my questions with open arms since I was in the MBS program. You are an inspiration and embody what it really means to be successful. Patients will be lucky to have you and you are going to do so much good in the world!

- Molly Kropp Lopez, M2

Katherine Snyder – I don't even know where to begin. Kathy, I owe my whole medical school career to you. I've admired you since my MBS days. You're a literal force of nature – I have no idea how you do everything you do, let alone how you do it all so well! Do you sleep? Like, actually, DO you sleep? You are without a doubt one of the most introspective people I've met, one of the kindest, and one of the most genuine. You have worked so hard to be where you are, and you deserve every small moment of recognition that we can give you. I cannot wait to see the amazing things that you bring to residency. I have no doubt that the lives you don't save outright will at the very least be deeply impacted for the better. You sure did impact mine. "Little girls with dreams become women with vision." Thanks for being such an inspiration, always.

- Sarah, M3

Katherine Snyder – Thank you for all of your work with the GPS program and the M2 psych block. You are going to be such an amazing provider. Congratulations on your graduation and thank you for everything!

- Caroline Bandurska, M2

Elizabeth Stackhouse – Congratulations! You've done the work and reached your goal. So very proud of you!

- Julia Kolcharno

Michelle Stefanelli – You've worked hard and achieved your goal. Congratulations, Dr. Stefanelli! I'm so happy for you! Now it's time to celebrate! Best wishes in all you do.

- Linda Learn

Michelle Stefanelli – For being an incredibly kind human being who has never failed to put a smile on my face during these past four years, even during the most stressful of times!

- M4

Jessica Stewart – You've sacrificed a lot by working diligently to reach your goal of becoming a doctor. Sending warm congratulations to you today!

- Julia Kolcharno

Jessica Stewart – Thank you for always taking the time to answer questions and support the M3 class. You are a great leader and very organized. You are going to be an amazing surgeon!

- M3

Madison Strony – It has truly been a pleasure to be a part of your journey. I know you will make the most of this honor and wear your new title with respect! Congratulations and best wishes!

- Julia Kolcharno

Madison Strony – To the person I can always count on to vent, plan an event and talk about leopard print - I am thankful every day that you joined our early morning anatomy study group. NuVance Health is lucky to have you!

- Lauren Skudalski, M4

Madison Strony – I am thankful that we grew to become friends. Medical school would not have been the same without you! You will be the most amazing physician!

- M4

Daniel Sylvestre – Congratulations on an impressive achievement! You went after your dream and achieved it. I've admired your professionalism and commitment to your specialty. You are amazing and I have enjoyed working with you! Your patients will be blessed to call you their doctor.

- Linda Learn

Daniel Sylvestre – For being so much fun to chat with on rotations! Dan, you were so funny, and I am so glad I got to meet you. You're going to do so well in ortho! Congratulations!

- M3

Navindra Tajeshwar – You've sacrificed a lot by working hard to reach your goal of becoming a doctor. So happy for you. Sending warm congratulations to you today, Dr. Tajeshwar! Take time celebrate all you've achieved. You've been a pleasure to work with.

- Linda Learn

Robin Tanner – All of your hard work has resulted in the achievement of your dream. So very happy for you! Congratulations!

- Linda Learn

Vanessa Thiel – When you give great effort, the outcomes are amazing. You are living evidence of that. You have accomplished so much, and we are all so proud of you. Congratulations on all you have achieved!

- Linda Learn

Vanessa Thiel – Thank you so much for all your work on Black Diamonds over the last few years! You will be missed!

- Heather Davis, Staff

Jeremy Tokash – Congratulations on your achievement and best wishes for a successful career!

- Julia Kolcharno

Carolena Trocchia – Happy graduation to you, doctor! So happy for you! You are going to be an awesome pediatrician!

- Julia Kolcharno

Carolena Trocchia – I would not have survived medical school without you, and I appreciate all the support and laughs we have shared! Roomies for life!

- M4

Carolena Trocchia – For always being so sweet and so full of advice. You are seriously one of the most fun people I think I've encountered. Your energy lights up a room. Florida is so lucky to have you. All of those children are going to absolutely adore you!

- M3

Elizabeth Tupper – It is an honor to call you doctor. Congratulations and best wishes!

- Julia Kolcharno

Elizabeth Tupper – You were always so kind, sweet and willing to help anyone who asked! You are going to make a great family physician and patients will be most comfortable sharing their stories with you.

- M3

Agatha Tweedy – You've sacrificed a lot by working to reach your goals. It's all paid off! So very, very happy for you! Congratulations, Dr. Tweedy! You are going to be an amazing doctor. I feel privileged to have worked with you.

- Linda Learn

Agatha Tweedy – For being such a sweet person! You are so kind and so warm, and it was such a pleasure to have a rotation with you! I'm so sad I didn't meet you sooner. You're going to make an amazing EM physician. Guthrie is seriously so lucky to have you!

- M3

Jacob Wallace – You've sacrificed a lot to reach your goal of becoming a doctor and you've succeeded! I'm so happy for you. I've enjoyed working with you. Congratulations, Dr. Wallace!

- Linda Learn

Sarah Wilson – All of your hard work has resulted in the achievement of your dream. So very happy for you!

- Julia Kolcharno

Thaddeus Wright – Each and every sacrifice that you made has paid off. Congratulations, doctor!

- Julia Kolcharno

Thaddeus Wright – Thank you for always taking the time to help the underclassmen and pass along advice when needed! You were so insightful and kind.

- M3

Michael Zaleski – Congratulations, Dr. Zaleski! Quite an achievement. So very happy for you! You deserve it all. Best wishes.

- Linda Learn

Alexa Bolock & Christine Murphy – Thank you for being the best Peer Navigators anyone could ask for! You've made such a profound impact on my GCSOM experience. Your future patients are incredibly lucky to have you.

- M2

Sana Chughtai & Kelley Chan – For helping me so much through Peer Navigators to somehow show me the way to navigate and get through my first year despite so many challenges.

- Jay Ganesh, M1

Madison Strony, Jess Knapp & Alexa Bolock – Their contributions to the Student Education Group have been invaluable this year, and their presence will be missed. Best wishes for your future endeavors!
- John Pacheco, M3

Matt, Erin, Ellie & Hannah – For being the best med school fam there is. Love, Mom
- M4

Mike Belko, Liz Stackhouse & Kevin Simpson – For being the best, most reliable OG med school crew (don't have too much fun in Rochester without me)!
- Jess Becker, M4

Mike Belko & Liz Stackhouse – You two have been some of the kindest people I have met during my last couple of years here. I can see the passion you both will put forth into the world and its inspiring. Thank you for your kindness and mentorship. I hope to be half the doctors you are one day.
- Molly Kropp Lopez, M2

Haley, Julie, Gabby, Anis, Rik & Connor – Thank you for being amazing friends and making med school memorable. From watching the oscars and our many Friendsgivings to learning to ski at Montage and studying in "the cave" -- I'm going to miss these simpler days. So proud of you all! Cheers to many more memories together <3
- Jasmine, M4

Regino Flores & Ussama Ghumman – For always providing me with the best snacks and forcing me to do real exercise at the JCC :)
- M4

Jess Becker & Alayna Craig-Lucas – Alayna and Jess were my Peer Navigators with GPS. They were great sources of support and guidance throughout my first year. I always looked forward to our monthly meetings, knowing they would listen to any concerns I had and give great advice for how to move forward. I feel so lucky to have had Alayna and Jess as my mentors this year!
- Alexis Notarianni, M1

Jess Becker & Alayna Craig-Lucas – Grateful for your unwavering support, friendship, humor and dedication to the class - especially through this past year. I could not have done this year without you!
- Kathy, M4

AC Campus – This is a shoutout to all of my amazing peer, faculty and staff at the AtlantiCare campus. It was truly an honor to be with you all and I always appreciated the camaraderie! AC FOREVER!
- M4

Graduating Class of 2021 – Outstanding and exemplary students and will be terrific!
- Gerald Tracy, Staff

The Class of 2021!! – I am very grateful to have had the chance to work with the graduates of the class of 2021! So very proud of all of your hard work, commitment, compassion and resiliency. Cannot wait for you to take the GME world by storm. Wishing you all the best of luck! Congratulations Dr.'s!!
- Devon, Staff

Class of 2021 – Congratulations to our M4 graduating class! It was a difficult year, but you made it! Thank you for all of your services in the communities you served. You may not realize it, but you've certainly made a difference in many lives already. Good luck to each of you as you move on in your medical career.
- Karen Stine, Staff

Class of 2021! – Some of the best future colleagues I will have the pleasure to work with - Best wishes and thank you for all that you have done for our community!
- Karen E. Arscott, D.O., Faculty

My MD2021 Babies! – Congratulations on everything you've accomplished. You are all amazing humans and inspire me every day!
- Amy Kline