

UF Medicine students, residents and faculty inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha

Alpha Omega Alpha is a national medical honor society committed to leadership

By Jori Rzepecki



April 15, 2025 – Forty-five of the University of Florida College of Medicine’s elite students, residents and faculty were elected for lifelong membership into a prestigious national organization, the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society, in an annual banquet March 20.

Since the society’s establishment in 1902, over 200,000 physicians and medical students have been inducted from medical schools across the country. The UF Beta Chapter was established in 1960 and was the 85th local chapter to be chartered.

For students, membership is limited to those who have excelled in academics, leadership, scholarship, character, service and shown outstanding future potential as a physician. Only

one-fifth of the total class enrollment may be chosen, and the final determination is held by vote from faculty and student members.

Guided by the principle that its members should “be worthy to serve the suffering” and dedicated to improving care for all, the society recognizes high educational achievement, honoring gifted teaching, encouraging the development of leaders in academia and the community, supporting the ideals of humanism and promoting service to others.

View a list of the UF College of Medicine’s new AOA members below:

Faculty members

Amalia Cochran, M.D., clinical professor, vice chair of faculty development, associate program director of leadership and mentorship programs, Department of Surgery

The late Ian Driscoll, M.D., FACS, associate professor of surgery and anesthesiology, director of the UF Health Shands Burn Center

Editor’s note: Dr. Driscoll passed away a few days after the induction, surrounded by loving family.

James Mason, M.D., assistant professor, Department of Urology

Chris Robinson, D.O., M.S., associate professor of neurology and neurosurgery, chair of division of neurocritical care, associate chair of clinical operations, neurology medical director, Neurointensive Care ICU program director, neurocritical care fellowship clerkship director

Robert Seifert, M.D., clinical associate professor, program director of the Hematopathology Fellowship Program, Department of Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine

Ashleigh Wright, M.D., FACP, associate professor, medical director of the Anaclerio Learning and Assessment Center

Chief resident members

Diego Nolasco, M.D., Department of Psychiatry

Ana Silva, M.D., Department of Psychiatry

Resident members

Nicolas Giusti, M.D., Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation, UF College of Medicine – Jacksonville

Ashley Holland, M.D., Department of Pediatrics

Scott Johnson, D.O., Department of Psychiatry, UF College of Medicine – Jacksonville

Brandon Lucke-Wold, M.D., Ph.D., Lillian S. Wells Department of Neurosurgery

Ana Stolze, M.D., Department of Urology

Kelly Tran, D.O., Department of Pediatrics

Class of 2025 student members

Bishoy Abdelmalik

Vincent Archibald

Emily Astarita

Alice Beneke

Rebecca Birnbaum

Kevin Chacko

Bliss Colao

Tatiana Doroskin

Olivia Etienne

Angela Fadil

Haley Fox

Ryan Grabau

Patrick Haley

Alice Hamilton

Jamie Harris

Jairo Hernandez

Grace Hingtgen

Alexandria Iakovidis

Rene Kronlage

Artenisa Kulla

Ryan Lauzardo

Andrew MacNeil

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