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# GUS MEDICAL & VETERINARY SCHOOLS

Global University Systems (GUS), stands as one of the world's most dynamic, inclusive and diverse education entities, comprising 30 institutions globally, including universities in the United Kingdom, Canada, Germany, India and the Caribbean.

GUS Medical & Veterinary Schools, under Global University Systems, are committed to educating and supporting the next generation of practicing physicians and veterinarians.

Comprised of Saba University School of Medicine (SUSOM), Medical University of the Americas (MUA), St. Matthew's University School of Medicine (SMUSOM) and St. Matthew's University School of Veterinary Medicine (SMUSVM), GUS Med & Vet institutions boast a collective history spanning 70+ years and 7,000+ graduates. Alumni go on to practice in the U.S., Canada and internationally.



Founded in 1992 on the island of Saba, SUSOM has delivered rigorous medical education and training for 3,000+ MD program graduates.



Founded in 1998 on the island of Nevis, MUA proudly fosters a supportive learning environment where 1,800+ students have achieved their Doctor of Medicine (MD) degrees.



The St. Matthew's University School of Medicine was founded in 1997 and the School of Veterinary Medicine was founded in 2005; together, these Grand Cayman schools proudly educate future medical doctors (2,300+), veterinarians (400+) and international health leaders.



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# GREETINGS

On behalf of Global University Systems (GUS), Saba University School of Medicine, Medical University of the Americas and St. Matthew's University, congratulations to our graduating class - our physicians and veterinarians of tomorrow.

GUS Medical and Veterinary Schools strive to provide exceptional training to prepare our graduates for exceptional careers as MDs and DVMs in the U.S., Canada and beyond. We are honored that you chose to pursue your medical education with us.

As graduates of Saba, MUA and SMU, you have worked hard to overcome many challenges and have now reached an important milestone. Today's ceremony is the culmination of your hard work and perseverance. The years of preparation and your dedication to the rigor of medical and veterinary education have now come to fruition. Celebrate this achievement!

Very soon, you will join a healthcare system that needs your highest level of care and commitment. I trust you will let the spirit of knowledge, resilience, innovation and compassion lead you. You are also joining our alumni network who are transforming lives in local and global communities. Please take full advantage of the power of the network and remain connected.

I wish you the best as you transition into this exciting next stage of your life. I know you will make us proud.

From all of us at Global University Systems, congratulations!

Sincerely,

**CYNDI MCLEOD**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Global University Systems North America

# ORDER OF THE EXERCISE

## **Prelude**

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\*The Processional | “Pomp and Circumstance” (Elgar)

## **Official Welcome**

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Linda Berardi-Demo, EdD, MPA | *Executive Vice President, Enrollment and Student Support*

## **Introduction of Commencement Speaker**

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Cyndi McLeod | *Chief Executive Officer, Global University Systems North America*

## **Commencement Address**

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Dhanjit Litt, MD | SUSOM Alum 2011

*General Internist, Program Chief and Medical Director at Trillium Health Partners, Partner and Clinical Advisor at HealthOne in Toronto, Ontario*

## **Introduction of Medical Student Commencement Speaker**

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Saba University School of Medicine | David Adelstein, DO | *Associate Dean of Clinical Sciences*

## **Student Commencement Address**

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Saba University School of Medicine | Aishwarya Bhavsar, MD

## **Introduction of Medical Student Commencement Speaker**

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Medical University of the Americas | Paula Habib, MD | *Executive Dean*

## **Student Commencement Address**

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Medical University of the Americas | Andrea McDonald, MD

## **Introduction of Medical Student Commencement Speaker**

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St. Matthew's University School of Medicine | Jon Hojnoski, MD | *Associate Dean of Clinical Sciences*

## **Student Commencement Address**

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St. Matthew's University School of Medicine | Danielle Boothe, MD

## **Doctor of Medicine Ceremonial Acknowledgements**

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Saba University School of Medicine

Maurice Clifton, MD, MEd, MBA | *Executive Dean and*

Rachel Robson, PhD | *Associate Dean, Basic Sciences*

Medical University of the Americas

Paula Habib, MD | *Executive Dean and*

Brenda Roman, MD | *Associate Dean of Basic Sciences*

St. Matthew's University School of Medicine

Gordon Green, MD | *Executive Dean and*

Jon Hojnoski, MD | *Dean of Clinical Sciences*



## Doctoral Hoods

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### Saba University School of Medicine

David Adelstein, DO | *Associate Dean of Clinical Sciences*

### Medical University of the Americas

James Bruzik, PhD | *Executive Dean, Basic Sciences*

### St. Matthew's University School of Medicine

Amitabha Basu, MBBS, MD | *Dean of Basic Sciences*

## \*\*Hippocratic Oath

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Gordon Green, MD | *Executive Dean*

## Introduction of Veterinary Student Commencement Speaker

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St. Matthew's University School of Veterinary Medicine | Brendan Lee, DVM, MSc, MPH, PhD, DACVPM | *Executive Dean*

## Student Commencement Address

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Rylee Nelson, DVM

## Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Ceremonial Acknowledgements

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Brendan Lee, DVM, MSc, MPH, PhD, DACVPM | *Executive Dean and*  
Charles Dickinson, DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVIM | *Chair, Department of*  
*Veterinary Clinical Sciences*

## Doctoral Hoods

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Samantha Shields, DVM | *Dean, Veterinary Medicine*

## \*\*Veterinary Oath

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Samantha Shields, DVM | *Dean, Veterinary Medicine*

## Alumni Affairs Welcome and Closing Remarks

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Cyndi McLeod | *Chief Executive Officer, Global University Systems North America*

## \*The Recessional

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Trumpet Voluntary in D (Clarke)

*\*The audience is requested to stand.*

*\*\*The graduates are requested to stand.*

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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John Crocker

Darin L. Hale, MD

# ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATORS

## Saba University School of Medicine

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James P. Bruzik, PhD | *Executive Dean Basic Sciences*

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James P. Bruzik, PhD | *Executive Dean Basic Science*

Linda Berardi-Demo, EdD, MPA | *Associate Dean, Student Support*

Gordon Green, MD | *Executive Dean*

Amitabha Basu, MD | *Dean of Basic Sciences*

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Pritam Biswas, MD | *Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs*

## St. Matthew's University School of Veterinary Medicine

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Brendan Lee, DVM, MSc, MPH, PhD, DACVPM | *Executive Dean*

Samantha Shields, DVM, MVetSci | *Dean, Veterinary Medicine*

Greg W. BeVier, BS, MS, DVM, MBA | *Assistant Dean of Clinical Affairs*



# OATHS

## Hippocratic Oath

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Declaration of Geneva of the World Medical Association (adopted 1948, amended 1966 and 1983).

As a member of the medical profession:

I solemnly pledge myself to consecrate my life to the service of humanity;

I will give my teachers the respect and gratitude which is their due;

I will practice my profession with conscience and dignity;

The health of my patient will be my first consideration;

I will respect the secrets which are confided in me, even after the patient has died;

I will maintain by all the means in my power, the honor and the noble traditions of the medical profession;

My colleagues will be my sisters and brothers;

I will not permit considerations of religion, nationality, race, party politics, or social standing to intervene between my duty and my patient;

I will maintain the utmost respect for human life from its beginning even under threat and I will not use my medical knowledge contrary to the laws of humanity;

I make these promises solemnly, freely, and upon my honor.


## Veterinary Oath

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Being admitted to the profession of veterinary medicine, I solemnly swear to use my scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through the protection of animal health and welfare, the prevention and relief of animal suffering, the conservation of animal resources, the promotion of public health, and the advancement of medical knowledge.

I will practice my profession conscientiously, with dignity, and in keeping with the principles of veterinary medical ethics.

I accept as a lifelong obligation the continual improvement of my professional knowledge and competence.

A portrait of Dr. Dhanjit Litt, a man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a dark blue blazer over a dark t-shirt. He is smiling and has his arms crossed. The background is a blurred indoor setting with warm lighting.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

# DHANJIT LITT, MD

Dr. Dhanjit Litt is a General Internist, Program Chief and Medical Director at Trillium Health Partners in Mississauga, Ontario, and Partner and Chief Medical & Wellness Officer at HealthOne in Toronto, Ontario. He graduated from Saba University School of Medicine in 2011 and completed his Internal Medicine residency at the University of Toronto in 2015.

Dr. Litt has long been passionate about community care and service. He pursued a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology due to his interest in health sciences and spent time with the Canadian Army Reserves, where he developed a commitment to inspired leadership and effective teamwork. These experiences soon sparked a desire to positively impact the Canadian healthcare landscape, which inspired him to pursue a career as a practicing physician.

In his current roles, Dr. Litt has become a trusted health practitioner and industry leader thanks to his committed efforts to support Ontarians, including his work as a clinician and lecturer in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto, his role in Trillium Health Partners' pandemic response, his impact on the growth and development of tomorrow's healthcare leaders, and his leadership at HealthOne, an innovative community-based interprofessional primary care centre.

Dr. Dhanjit Litt's commitment to the Canadian healthcare landscape has been recognized through numerous awards, including the Sustainable Innovation Award from Trillium Health Partners and Teaching Excellence Award at the University of Toronto's MD Program. Today and in the future, Dr. Litt aspires to build a healthier future for Canadians – one that is safe, accessible and rooted in sustainability.

# CLASS OF 2025



**SABA  
UNIVERSITY**  
School of Medicine

## Saba University School of Medicine

### Doctor Of Medicine Graduates

Jimmy Abbiati  
Abdelrahman Abou-Shakra\*  
Janice Marie Abraam Riad  
Ren Joseph Abraham  
Reem Alam  
Immanuelle Amofah  
Rimsha Arshad  
Michael Asare\*  
Ramal Asim  
Mary Attalla  
Aishwarya Bhavsar\*  
Lauren Eileen Blewett  
Maher Chbat  
Tom Hon Yip Cheng  
Hendrik Albert Compagner  
Mark Cwajna  
Matthew John Diston  
Nayan Doobay  
Yacouba Doumbia  
Noor El-Deen Ashraf Farghaly  
Mohammad Arbab Feroz  
Madison Jane Garshasebi  
August Finnegan Glass  
Laura Michelle Godkin  
Kajol Gopal  
Arienne Jamille F. Habu  
Waleed Hanini  
Osama Haque  
Mariam R. Hassan  
Fares Jamal\*  
Jaspreet Kaur  
Zainah Anwar Khan  
Jacob Lynn Lamoreau  
Emma Suzanne Lewis\*  
Claire SooJin Loy  
Mridu Luray  
Thomas McDonald  
Taylor Brianne Nelson

Quinn Nguyen  
Kris Nika  
Rita Anam Tifu Njoh  
Edwige K. Djuikouo Noumsi  
Rita Nchedo Orjionwe  
Royan Pariappadan  
Rahul Pawa\*  
Ingrid Penate  
Sarah Elizabeth Phillips  
Michelle Ann Punsamie  
Omar Rahal Tarbine  
Anand Ramachandran  
Herra Rehman  
Janessa Domonique Rich\*  
David Schnorbus  
Hayley A. Schnorbus  
Obeydulah Sheikhdon  
Pragya Priya Srivastava  
Christina Rose Tartaglia  
Temitope Tayo  
Juanita Thompson-Quattlebaum  
Ruba Uddin  
Annika Van Hell\*  
Matthew Joseph Wakeen\*  
Immanuel Woldeteki  
Joshua Ian Wolgamuth  
Christina Ama A Yeboah  
Danish Akber Zamir

*\*Recipient of the Clinical Dean Award*

# CLASS OF 2025



**MEDICAL  
UNIVERSITY**  
*of the AMERICAS*

## Medical University of the Americas

### Doctor of Medicine Graduates

Rhodeney Blanchard Abellard	Chido Natasha Mutize
Almothana Ali Abdel Razzaq Aburumman*	Hameeda Nabie Zadah
Shahad Alchalabi	Azeezat Temiloluwa Oguntola
Giannina Alvarez Calderon	Oluwapamilerin Oluwadara Olayemi
Hamza Arshad	Lucas Eri-Oluwa Oyeniran
Enock Augustin	Arleen Janet Palma-Caipa
Junea Naresa Augustus	Anusha Pasupuleti
Vikrant Kumar Badhwar*	Chandni Jayesh Patel
Sabrina Alam Chaudhry	Gaganjoyt Kaur Paul
Wyatt Clancy Cheek	Gladys Perez
Payton Colantonio	Khiem Vu Phan
Wegahta Kidane Ghebreiyesus*	Sonia Kristina Portillo
Athanasios Thomas Grillas*	Ashton Damon Ram
Zachary Frederick Douglas Hess*	Abel Gerardo Sanjuan
Roshanak Jalali	Jaffney Sagana Sellathurai
Shelly Jaryal	Mythili Sivaswarupan
Nathan Thomas Koontz	Ahmad Billal Sultani
George David Kurian	Hasan Ahmed Syed*
Eric Git Fae Lam	Sara Tama-Shekan
Harjot Singh Mann	Abeynaa Millissa Tiffany Tross
Olivia Jean McBride*	Ranbir Singh Walia
Andrea Marie McDonald*	Leroy Travon Williams
Angeline Merzier	Aziz Zindani*
Muhammad Hadi Minai	Mohammed Ibrahim Zoobi*
Hassan Victor Peter Momoh	
Mohamed Tahir Moola	

*\*Recipient of the Clinical Dean Award*

# CLASS OF 2025



ST. MATTHEW'S  
UNIVERSITY

## St. Matthew's University School of Medicine

### Doctor of Medicine Graduates

Charline Assibi Abraham	Hazel Marie Hernandez
Mitchell Alexis	Ryan Raymond Hryczyk
Aliyah Faith Al-Islam	Katsiaryna Kakoshka
Uzair Hayat Ashraf	Juana Kandalaft
Rabika Aslam	Shaan Mobin Khan*
Prateek Inder Attri	Thanh Hong Nguyen
Adhithya Baskar*	Nicole Chizobam Okpara
Elizabeth Joy Baucum Bodden	Nayandeep Kaur Parmar
Robert Daniel Bodden-Mena	Shivani Sharma
Danielle Ashley Boothe	Riley Cleveland Smith
Sundas Butt*	Andrew Christopher Spruce*
Sheree Danielle Carter	Boris Feliksovich Sukharlev
Arezoo Esnaashari	Catherine Ann Tulin
Ashlyn Hope Evans	Kelvin Andre Vann
Josué Angelo Flanquin	Zachary William Warzyniak
Yaliana Paola Garcia Aviles	
Ashmir Gharti Chhetry	
Daron Harrison	

*\*Recipient of the Clinical Dean Award*

## St. Matthew's University School of Veterinary Medicine

### Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Graduates

Ishani Awasthi	Evan Marshall Mandelker
Nicole Christine Campbell	Hannah Marlena Meinders****
Adrianna P. Disla Otero	Rylee Donease Nelson
Sarah Brooke Ham	Marie-Bernadette Toyota***
Robert Scott Lynch	

### Candidates for Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Sarah Gordon Barrena*****	Cerena Anne Martyn
Brian Corteguera	Jessica M. Miller**
Alana Danielle Cuiffi	Gwyneth Montemuro
Jackie Lynn Cullen*****	Yash Parvesh Patel
Victoria C. De Leva	Nicole Kayla Pownall
Somandeep Kaur Gurm	Ameet S. Rai
Shanelle Shanise Rhonda Haralson	Megan Robin Ray
Alana Joseph	Sierra Riell Reid
Abigail Meredith Kane	<i>*SMU Clinical Pathology Award</i>
Ashlanne Noelle Luther	<i>**SMU Stingray Award for Outstanding Student</i>
Loraine Elizabeth Magnuson*	<i>***Boehringer Ingelheim, Small Animal Internal Medicine Award</i>
Kathleen Rose Mannion-Donia	<i>****SMU Large Animal Medicine Award</i>
	<i>*****Boehringer Ingelheim, Anesthesia/Pain Management Award</i>

# RESIDENCY PLACEMENT LIST

AdventHealth Florida	One Brooklyn Health
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center	Palmetto General Hospital
Augusta University/University of Georgia Medical Partnership	Penn Highlands
Aultman Hospital	Piedmont Healthcare
BayCare Health System	Queen's University/Kingston-Thousand Islands
Borinquen Health Care Center	Rapides Regional Medical Center
Bronxcare Health Systems	Rutgers-Newark Beth Israel Medical Center
Brookdale Hospital	Saint Mary's Hospital
Brooklyn Hospital	Southeast Health
Broward Health Medical Center	Spokane Teaching Health Center
Cape Fear Valley Health	SSM St. Mary's Hospital
CarePoint Health/NYMC	St. Elizabeth Health Center
Central Maine Medical Center	St. Johns Riverside Hospital
Central Michigan University College of Medicine	St. Joseph's Health
Charleston Area Medical Center	St. Josephs University Medical Center
CHI St. Vincent Hot Springs	St. Luke's Hospital/Anderson Campus
Children's Hospital of Michigan	Summerville Medical Center
Cleveland Clinic Florida	SUNY Upstate Medical University
Community Healthcare Network	Sutter Health Memorial
Detroit Medical Center/Wayne State University/Sinai-Grace	SW Healthcare Medical Ed Consortium
Dignity Health East Valley	The Jewish Hospital
Ellis Hospital	The MetroHealth System/Case Western Reserve University
Florida Atlantic University/Schmidt College of Medicine	TidalHealth
Fort Wayne Med Ed Program	Trinity Health Livonia Hosp
Franciscan Health Olympia Fields	Trinity Health Grand Rapids
Garnet Health Medical Center	Tulane University School of Medicine
Geisinger Health System	University of Connecticut School of Medicine
Good Samaritan University Hospital	UAMS/Baptist Health Medical Center
HCA Healthcare Kansas City	UHS-Wilson Medical Center
HCA Healthcare/USF Morsani GME	Unity Health
HCA Healthcare/USF Morsani GME/Sarasota Doctors Hospital	University at Buffalo School of Medicine
HCA in Florida	University Central FL/HCA Healthcare GME
HCA Oakhill Hospital/University of South Florida Morsani GME	University Miami/Jackson Health System
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Mount Sinai Hospital	University of Alabama School of Medicine
Indiana University School of Medicine	University of Arizona COM/Banner Del E. Webb Medical Center
Inspira Health Network	University of California Davis Medical Center
ISMMS NYC Health+Hospitals	University of Iowa Hospital & Clinics
Jamaica Hospital Medical Center	University of Kansas School of Medicine-Kansas City
Jefferson Health	University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School
Jersey Shore University Medical Center	University of Massachusetts Chan-Baystate
Kaiser Permanente/Oakland Medical Center	University of Missouri-Kansas City Programs/St. Luke's
Larkin Community Hospital	University of Missouri-Kansas City/University Health Truman Medical Center
Lehigh Valley Hospital	University of Saskatchewan
Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center	University of Toledo
Long Island Community Hospital	University of Toronto
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center	University of Wyoming (Casper)
McLeod Regional Medical Center	University Texas Medical School
Medical University of South Carolina Regional Network	Valley Health System
Meharry Medical School	Valley Hospital Medical Center
Memorial Hospital	Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Mercy Health Fairfield Hospital	Western Michigan University Stryker School of Medicine
Mercy Health-St. Rita's Medical Center	Western Reserve Hospital
MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center	
Mohawk Valley Health System	
Mt. Sinai Medical Center	
NOSM University	
NYMC/St Michaels Medical Center	

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innovation and  
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lead you.”**

**CYNDI MCLEOD**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Global University Systems North America

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