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Top News

Graduates encouraged to “be lifelong learners” at 2017 commencement

More than 400 future physicians and scientists were recognized Saturday, May 13, at IU School of Medicine’s annual commencement ceremony at the Indiana Convention Center.

IU School of Medicine Dean Jay L. Hess, MD, PhD, MHSA, welcomed the graduates and noted how he started his tenure as dean at the same time the Class of 2017 began medical school.

Dean Hess made note of the class’ accomplishments, such as establishing MEDTalks, the Second Year Show, the College and House System and the SEED Fund.

“We will be watching with great interest and pride as you go out into the world and leave your mark on humanity,” Dean Hess said.

Dean Hess introduced keynote speaker, Don Brown, MD, who mentioned how he graced the same stage 32 years prior as a graduate of IU School of Medicine.

Dr. Brown talked about how technology is rapidly changing the medical field and encouraged the graduates to embrace technology, not fear it. Dr. Brown concluded his speech by offering the graduates three tips: Be a lifelong learner, embrace technology and be human, an aspect of medicine he said can’t be replaced by artificial intelligence.

Following the keynote address, the graduates were invited on stage by degree type to receive their diplomas and hoods.

Dean Hess concluded commencement by asking the new graduates, as well as all physicians in the room, to join him in reciting the Hippocratic Oath.

On Saturday, IU School of Medicine awarded:

331 Doctor of Medicine degrees

29 Doctor of Philosophy degrees

71 Master of Science degrees

View a [video of the crowd cheering](#) the new graduates.

View the commencement [photo gallery on Flickr](#).

View a [commencement infographic](#).

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## Ritter named assistant dean for school's Phase 3 curriculum

Hadley Ritter, MD, FACS, has been named IU School of Medicine assistant dean for Phase 3 curriculum.

A faculty member since 2009, Dr. Ritter has served as assistant clerkship director of surgery for five years and statewide director of surgery for two years. She is an assistant professor of clinical surgery, adjunct assistant professor of otolaryngology and section head of endocrine surgery.

Dr. Ritter fills the curriculum role previously held by William "Graham" Carlos, MD, who will now serve as chief of medicine for Eskenazi Health, acquiring the Joseph J. Mamlin Chair of Medicine, beginning June 1.

Both Drs. Ritter and Carlos will continue to serve as co-chairs of the Clinical Component Committee and members of the Curriculum Council Steering Committee.

In addition, Dr. Carlos, who served as keynote speaker at the 2017 Senior Banquet, will visit the school's nine campuses later this year to conduct the pulmonary section of the Understanding Disease and Organ Systems course.

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## What's next with reaccreditation? Check the FAQ for answers

Following last month's conclusion of IU School of Medicine's reaccreditation site visit by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), the school is expected to learn its reaccreditation status late this year. A list of [frequently asked questions](#) addresses several key aspects of the reaccreditation process, including:

Why accreditation is important

What the LCME surveyors said during the site visit

Next steps in the process

While IU School of Medicine waits for the LCME's determination, the significant progress made in Continuous Quality Improvement efforts will advance, with feedback

from the LCME and students guiding the work.

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## Regenstrief Center for Biomedical Informatics names new leader

Shaun Grannis, MD, MS, FAAFP, Regenstrief Institute investigator and associate professor of family medicine, IU School of Medicine, has been appointed director of the Regenstrief Institute Center for Biomedical Informatics (CBMI). Dr. Grannis, an internationally recognized expert in informatics and biosurveillance, was named a Regenstrief Institute investigator in July 2004 and has been serving as interim director since January 2016.

“This is an exciting time and place to serve in the field of biomedical informatics. The Regenstrief and Indiana University communities combine outstanding leadership support, faculty, health system partners and an unparalleled health data infrastructure that extends across the state to the far reaches of the globe,” said Dr. Grannis. “Our expertise as successful conveners of expert informatics collaborators uniquely positions CBMI to advance the fields of global health informatics, health data standards, precision medicine, biomedical informatics education and public health informatics.”

For more on Dr. Grannis’ appointment, read the [full news release](#).

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## Plan ahead for INScope’s summer schedule

Following the May 25 issue, INScope will begin an abbreviated summer publication schedule. Weekly publication will resume Thursday, July 27. During the summer months, INScope will be published on the following Thursdays:

June 8

June 22

July 13

July 27

Aug. 3

Aug. 10

Aug. 17

Aug. 24

(No issue on Aug. 31 due to Labor Day holiday)

As a reminder, the deadline for submission of news items is Wednesday at noon for each Thursday’s issue. For more information, visit the [INScope page on MedNet](#). News items and questions should be sent to [scopemed@iu.edu](mailto:scopemed@iu.edu).

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## Research News

### National Institute on Aging grants \$2.5 million for new collaborative care model

With the support of a new \$2.5 million, five-year award from the National Institute on Aging, implementation scientists from Indiana University and the Regenstrief Institute are testing the Trauma Medical Home, a novel collaborative care model they have developed to facilitate a full physical, psychological and cognitive recovery for injured individuals over 50.

By monitoring and improving physical, psychological and cognitive functioning, the Trauma Medical Home will substantially decrease the estimated \$83 billion in direct and indirect costs of caring for those 50 and over who sustain severe injuries, with the goal of helping them recover as much as possible to their pre-injury state.

"Individuals with moderate to severe non-neurological injuries--people without brain or spinal cord injuries--can recover in a dramatic fashion but they need support not typically provided by the U.S. health care system," said grant co-principal investigator Ben Zarzaur, MD, MPH, associate professor of surgery, IU School of Medicine. "With the Trauma Medical Home collaborative care model we are continually assessing where the trauma patient is on his or her physical and psychological health recovery trajectories, evaluating and helping them return to their previous health baseline in coordination with their primary care physician."

For more on this new care model, visit the [IU School of Medicine Newsroom](#).

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### IU School of Medicine scientists advance Swedish brain development research

Scientists at the prestigious Karolinska Institute in Stockholm recently made a surprising discovery that upon further inquiry led them to research performed by Roman Dziarski and Dipika Gupta, IU School of Medicine-Northwest-Gary professors who discovered the genes for human peptidoglycan recognition proteins (PGRPs).

From the Swedish scientists' research involving the brains of germ-free mice--those raised under sterile conditions and completely lacking any bacteria on their bodies and in their intestines--the scientists learned that the presence of normal intestinal bacteria is required for brain development. Soon after birth, brain cells start producing PGRPs, which are critical to maintaining a healthy intestinal microbiome and have anti-inflammatory properties. This finding led them to Drs. Dziarski and Gupta's work.

In April, Dr. Dziarski was invited to speak at a symposium in Stockholm to introduce

PGRPs and their effects on bacteria, microbiome and inflammation.

For more details, visit [Indiana University Northwest News](#).

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## Faculty and Staff News

### Faculty Steering Committee announces election results

The IU School of Medicine Faculty Steering Committee (FSC) has announced this year's election results. Elected faculty will serve from July 2017 to June 2019. The FSC president for 2017-2018 is Daniel Rusyniak, MD, and secretary is Megan Palmer, PhD.

**President-elect:** Brittney-Shea Herbert, PhD

**Secretary-elect:** Yar (Samantha) Yeap, MD

**IU Health Physicians representative on the Faculty Steering Committee:** Erik Streib, MD

**Regional campus representative on the Faculty Steering Committee:** Leslie Hoffman, PhD

**IUPUI Faculty Council:** Brian Brewer, MD; Patrick Gerety, MD; Matthew Holley, PhD; Elizabeth Whipple, MLS, AHIP

**CFAS representative:** Michelle Zimmerman, MD

**Academic standards:** Amanda Benaderet, MD; Michael King, PhD

**Admissions:** Richard Mangus, MD; David Matthews, MD

**Awards:** Ronald Shapiro, MD; Harikrishna Nakshatri, PhD

**Biomedical research:** Steven Johnson, PhD; Lindsey Mayo, PhD

**Community relations:** Christopher Jackman, MD; Poonam Khurana, MD

**Curriculum council:** Ashley Inman, MD; Joseph Turner, MD

**Faculty development coordinating:** Rania Abbasi, MD; Angela Tomlin, PhD

**Faculty promotion and tenure:** Andrew Jea, MD; James Williams, Jr., PhD

**Lecturers and clinical rank faculty appointment contract and promotion:** Sara Grethlein, MD; Anna Maria Storniolo, MD

**Student promotions:** Nicole Horn, MD; Tara Benjamin, MD

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### Kacena earns full professor status

Congratulations to Melissa Kacena, PhD, associate professor of orthopaedic surgery, on her imminent achievement of full professor status at Indiana University School of Medicine. On July 1, Dr. Kacena will become the first female to obtain this status within the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery since its origination in 1948. Advancement to full professor requires the demonstration of a sustained and sustainable national reputation as evidenced by invited talks, service on national societies, editorial boards, study selections and a robust body of scholarship aligned with the area of excellence.

Dr. Kacena joined the IU School of Medicine faculty in 2007 as an assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery and also as an assistant professor of anatomy and cell biology, and biomedical engineering at IUPUI. She received both her master's and doctorate degrees in aerospace engineering from the University of Colorado before completing her postdoctoral research in orthopaedics and rehabilitation at Yale University.

"Melissa is an outstanding scientist and a great person to collaborate with," said Mike Econs, MD, endocrinologist and professor of medicine. "She is a team player and is always working hard to move projects from simply being an idea to the point of helping patients in a clinical setting."

Dr. Kacena plays an instrumental role in the department's overall research mission. Her efforts are primarily focused on bone and blood interactions; the effect of megakaryocytes on skeletal homeostasis and bone healing; as well as the role osteoblast lineage cells play in modulating hematopoietic stem cell function. Most recently, Dr. Kacena and the Rodent Research-IV (RR-IV) team partnered with NASA and the U.S. Department of Defense to send dozens of mice to space aboard the International Space Station. The purpose of this mission was to test the efficacy of a new drug therapy, developed by Dr. Kacena, on bone healing in a weightless environment. Post-spaceflight studies are currently being conducted to determine results.

In addition to her significant contributions to the field of orthopaedic research, Dr. Kacena also serves as an educator and mentor to the next generation of scientists and clinicians.

"Dr. Kacena is one of the best mentors I have ever had," said Alex Brinker, an undergraduate student at IUPUI. "She takes a personal interest in my future and is always looking to teach her students more about the field of orthopaedics and finding ways to help us all better learn."

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## Hobson-Prater to attend HERS Institute

Tara Hobson-Prater, director of the Indiana Biomedical Gateway Program for PhD Study, IU School of Medicine, is one of three candidates from IUPUI who will be attending the Higher Education Resources Summer (HERS) Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration. Hobson-Prater will join Terri Tarr, director of the IUPUI Center for Teaching and Learning, and Etta Ward, executive director of research development for the IUPUI Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, at the two-week residential training program in July at Bryn Mawr College.

For more than 40 years, the HERS Summer Institute has trained more than 5,000 women from 1,200 campuses in the U.S. and abroad. Its mission is "creating and sustaining a community of women leaders...with a special focus on gender equity within the broader commitment to achieving equality and excellence in higher education."

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## Student News

### GQ survey deadline is June 9

Members of the IU School of Medicine Class of 2017 are reminded to fill out the Medical School Graduate Questionnaire (GQ) survey by Friday, June 9. The GQ survey, administered nationally by the Association of American Medical Colleges, provides critical feedback for IU School of Medicine and also provides the opportunity for students to voice their opinions about their medical student experience.

For more information about the GQ, click [here](#).

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### Need details about documenting EMRs? View the policy

The [Documenting Electronic Medical Records policy](#), highlighting procedures for patient records documentation, is now available online in the IU School of Medicine [student handbook](#). The handbook, which includes a wide variety of updated policies, is housed on the IU School of Medicine website.

Feedback from learners and faculty played a key role in encouraging the Curriculum Council Steering Committee (CCSC) to consider policy updates. As policies are approved, they are tagged and indexed in preparation for housing on MedNet. Ultimately, all policies will be available within a single verified official portal on MedNet, which will be linked from the student handbook and other online locations.

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## Opportunities

### Foundations of Clinical Practice clinical preceptor positions available

Applications are now being accepted for longitudinal clinical preceptors for the Foundations of Clinical Practice (FCP) Year One and Year Two courses, which are part of IU School of Medicine's new curriculum.

FCP Years One and Two are each an integrated series of lectures, small-group discussions and simulated patient encounters along with a clinical component. The courses provide instruction in fundamental clinical skills such as taking a patient history, documenting a patient encounter and performing a physical examination of a normal adult, and creating a differential diagnosis. Students are also introduced to social

determinants of health, barriers to care, fundamentals of communication, interprofessional education and systems based practices. Professionalism, ethics and the student's emerging role as a health care provider are addressed throughout the course.

To participate as a clinical preceptor on the Indianapolis campus, visit [this link](#) to indicate your interest and availability. For information about opportunities on other IU School of Medicine campuses, contact the appropriate regional campus directors.

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## Reflections creative arts journal accepting submissions through June 16

Submissions are now being accepted for Reflections, IU School of Medicine's creative arts journal. Art may include essays, poems, drawings, paintings, digital media and more. All works of self-expression from members of the school community are welcome. Submissions can be made anonymously, and multiple submissions are accepted. The deadline is Friday, June 16.

The print publication of Reflections is distributed at the annual White Coat Ceremony, and is also available online. The project counts as a peer-reviewed publication for students and recent graduates.

With questions and to submit works of art, email [reflect@iupui.edu](mailto:reflect@iupui.edu). For submissions, include the following information:

1. Name (optional)
2. Year/faculty position (optional)
3. Title of submission
4. Description of submission (If submitting an art piece such as a painting, drawing or photograph, describe your thoughts/inspiration regarding your submission.)

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## Donations for scholarship to honor Class of 2014 member

The IU School of Medicine Class of 2014 is seeking to raise an additional \$5,000 to honor Annique Wilson-Weekes, a classmate who passed away from a rare form of stomach cancer after her first year of medical school. She was a beloved wife, mother, friend and aspiring physician.

The Class of 2014 was moved to establish an endowed scholarship in her memory for non-traditional incoming medical students who are in financial need. In the five years since, many students, residents, faculty, family and friends have raised \$95,000--just \$5,000 short of the fundraising goal. If the extra \$5,000 can be raised by the end of May, the scholarship will receive a special match from the school, doubling its impact.

Please consider making a [tax-deductible gift online](#) today. In the search field, type "Annie" to direct your gift to the Annique Wilson-Weekes Scholarship of Excellence. With questions, contact [adreich@iupui.edu](mailto:adreich@iupui.edu).

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## Memory University begins June 9

The Indiana Alzheimer Disease Center presents Memory University 2017, a unique program for research partners and others interested in Alzheimer’s disease and other neurodegenerative disorders. Sessions highlighting “Technology and Dementia Care,” will be held from 1:30-3 pm on Friday afternoons from June 9 through June 30 and feature a different speaker each week. The sessions take place in Goodman Hall Auditorium, IU Health Neuroscience Center, 355 W. 16th St. Register at [iadc.medicine.iu.edu](http://iadc.medicine.iu.edu) or call Donna Wert at 317-963-7297.

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## Around Campus

### Fort Wayne-IU School of Medicine hosts year-end recognition event

Indiana University School of Medicine-Fort Wayne hosted a dinner celebrating the accomplishments of students, faculty, staff and friends on Thursday, May 4. The event included presentation of the inaugural Dr. Franklin Bryan award. This award is given to a graduating student based on the three criteria Dr. Bryan, the first center director at the Fort Wayne campus, was passionate about: patient care, service to the Fort Wayne community and service to Indiana University. The first recipient of this prestigious award is Andrew Johns, MS4.

Others recognized at the year-end event:

**Outstanding contributions to diversity:** Elliott Yee, MS1

**Global health initiatives:** Alyssa Welch, MS4

**Scholarship recipients:** Lori Morgan, Michael Stolarczyk, Tyler Arscott and Helen Li for their outstanding volunteer efforts

**Faculty and staff recognition:** Dr. Darryl Smith and Dr. Joseph Kosnik for their commitment to providing outstanding educational opportunities to students, and Elizabeth Canavati was acknowledged for her efforts in assisting with numerous fundraising activities and community outreach.

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