



A Message from Dean Filak

Dear College of Medicine Alumni,

As we move into summer and prepare to welcome the Class of 2026, I think back to this past spring when we celebrated sending a new class of physicians off to their residencies. On May 1, we awarded medical degrees to 175 graduates in the Class of 2022 during our annual Honors Day ceremony at Fifth Third Arena. It was another wonderful event, made even better by being able to welcome more family and friends to the celebration this year.

As you will see by some of the stories featured in this issue of The Rounds, diversity is an important and frequent topic at the College of Medicine. For example, a transgender medicine curriculum has been strongly embraced by our students and the Advancing Inclusion in Medical Education (AIME) task force has made significant progress.

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2022 Honors Day Celebration and Commencement Weekend

Honors Day finally arrived for 175 graduates who received medical degrees on May 1. Additionally, 96 students completed their baccalaureate degrees in Medical Sciences and Public Health, and 65 graduate students received degrees and certificates during commencement weekend.

[HONORS DAY](#)

[CEREMONY VIDEO](#)

[GRADUATE DEGREES](#)



Sponsor a White Coat for an Incoming Medical Student

In July, the Class of 2026 begins a new life journey at the College of Medicine. A tradition that marks the beginning of a student's medical school experience is the presentation of their first white lab coat.

Welcome the next generation to the MedCat family by sponsoring a White Coat. Sponsorship also includes the option of leaving a personal note of support for the incoming student.

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UC Research Creates Kidney Transplant Equity Index

New research out of the University of Cincinnati established the Kidney Transplant Equity Index (KTEI), examining the number of minority patients transplanted at a kidney transplant center relative to the prevalence of minority patients on dialysis in each center's health service area.

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Embracing Transgender Medicine Curriculum

The UC College of Medicine transgender medicine program was established in 2016 by Sarah Pickle, MD, from the Department of Family and Community Medicine and Aaron Marshall, PhD, from the Department of Medical Education.

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2020 and 2021 Daniel Drake Medalists

The Daniel Drake Medal Dinner celebrated the 2020 and 2021 medalists. Learn more about the honorees and watch videos highlighting their careers.

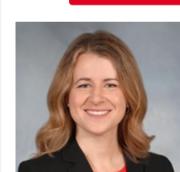
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Chris Peltier, MD, '95 Receives Outstanding Alumni Award

Each year, the UC Alumni Association celebrates its legacy of excellence by bestowing its top awards on a select group of Bearcats. Dr. Peltier was UC's honoree for the College of Medicine.

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Medical Alumni Association Outstanding Student Award

Congratulations to Mia Power, the recipient of the 2022 Medical Alumni Association Outstanding Student Award. While at UC, Mia served as her class's Medical Student Association co-president, banquet chair for the American Medical Women's Association UC chapter, committee member on the Institutional Structure for Sustainable Change looking to improve gender equity in medicine at UCCOM, representative on the M3/M4 workgroup during COVID-19 curriculum changes, in addition to being an active member of numerous other organizations and activities. Following graduation in May, she will be moving to Louisville to join her UCCOM Class of 2018 partner Esper Wadh where she will complete her residency in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at the University of Louisville and Norton Children's Hospital.

Save the Date for Reunion Weekend

Join your classmates for your Reunion Weekend Thursday, Oct. 6 through Sunday, Oct. 9 to celebrate **MD alumni from class years ending in 2 and 7**. Renew old friendships while sharing memories and mutual experiences. More details will be shared as plans are finalized.

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Around the College

Faculty

- Department of Environmental and Public Health Sciences **Professor Sergey Grinshpun, PhD** is [closely watching the war in his native Ukraine](#).
- Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education **Lou Edje, MD** was [accepted as an FLAM Fellow](#).
- Innovative microbiologist **Dan Hassett, PhD** [died unexpectedly in April](#).
- Elizabeth Kelly, MD, '84**, professor and executive vice chair in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, has been elected president of the Board of Health of Hamilton County Public Health.
- Joseph Broderick, MD, '82**, professor in the Department of Neurology and Rehabilitation Medicine and Director of the UC Gardner Neuroscience Institute, was honored by the UC Foundation with the Staff Award of Merit.
- Danielle Clark, MD**, assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, has received the prestigious ACGME Baroness Fellowship.
- Alexandra Sims, MD**, assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics, has been named among the 40 under 40 Leaders in Minority Health for 2022 by the National Minority Quality Forum.

Students

- In-person Match Day [returns for graduating students](#) to learn where they are heading for residency.
- Rohan Rao '24** has received a 2022 Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellowship from Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society to support Rao's continuation of research on brain tumors.
- Mitchell Singstock '24** has received the Student Award from the UC Sustainability Award Program for leading work on producing a Planetary Health Report Card for the college.
- Medical Sciences student **Nick Shaw '23** [has been named a 2022 Barry Goldwater Scholar](#).

College News & Research Highlights

- IvaDean Lair** is now working from home, but can still be [reached by email](#).
- The College of Medicine was ranked No. 43 in research and No. 52 in primary care [in the latest U.S. News & World Report list of "Best Medical Schools."](#)
- A graduate certificate in integrative health offered by the [UC Center for Integrative Health and Wellness](#) was recently approved to begin enrolling this fall.
- UC study finds [socioeconomic factors affect responses to depression treatment](#).
- UC and Kroger [form a research collaboration](#) to improve health outcomes.
- UC study [examines biological reasons for increased dementia in the Black population](#).
- UC is one of the leading enrollers in an [international glioblastoma trial using electric therapy to treat cancer](#).
- UC research [shows correlations following ICH strokes that lead to worse patient outcomes in Black and Hispanic patients](#).
- UC researchers are [expanding a study to learn more about the genetic markers of movement disorders](#).



Your Medicine Alumni Connection

BRI COGGINS '10, '20

Enjoys Bearcats football and basketball, all things chocolate, and spending time with her husband and 2 daughters.

