



**A Message from Dean Filak**

Dear College of Medicine Alumni,

While most UC students won't be on campus for a few weeks yet, Orientation Week for the College of Medicine's Class of 2027 began July 24, and it's another stellar class.

The Class of 2027 is composed of 180 students, with 171 in the medical program and nine in our Medical Scientist Training Program. It was an arduous task for our Admissions Office, led by Donald Batsky, MD, associate dean for medical student admissions and special programs, to pare down the 4,459 applicants to our final class.

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**2023 Honors Day Celebration and Commencement Weekend**

Honors Day finally arrived for 169 graduates who received medical degrees on April 22. This was the first year students were allowed to have any adult in their life be a hoodler. Additionally, 81 students completed their baccalaureate degrees in Medical Sciences and Public Health, and 68 graduate students received degrees and certificates during commencement weekend.

[HONORS DAY](#)

[CEREMONY VIDEO](#)



**New Senior Associate Dean for DEI**

**Steven Kniffley Jr., PsyD**, an expert on the treatment of race-based stress and trauma, has been named senior associate dean for diversity, equity and inclusion.

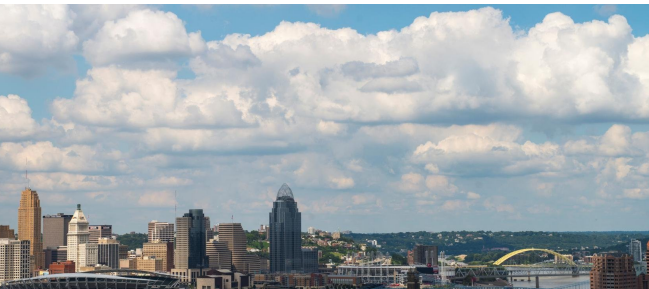
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**Curriculum Revitalization**

The College of Medicine is working on a significant revitalization of the medical curriculum with a goal of fully implementing changes by August 2024 for the Class of 2028.

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**The Medicine Admissions Team Needs Your Help**

Every year, the Cincinnati Medicine Admissions Team recruits members of the UC community to participate in the MD admissions process. We rely on the insights and expertise of our volunteers to craft future classes of physician leaders. **For the 2023-24 interview season, you are invited to become an MD candidate interviewer (a.k.a. rater).** If you are interested, please click the button below to learn more about next steps. Contact [MDadmissions@uc.edu](mailto:MDadmissions@uc.edu) with any questions.

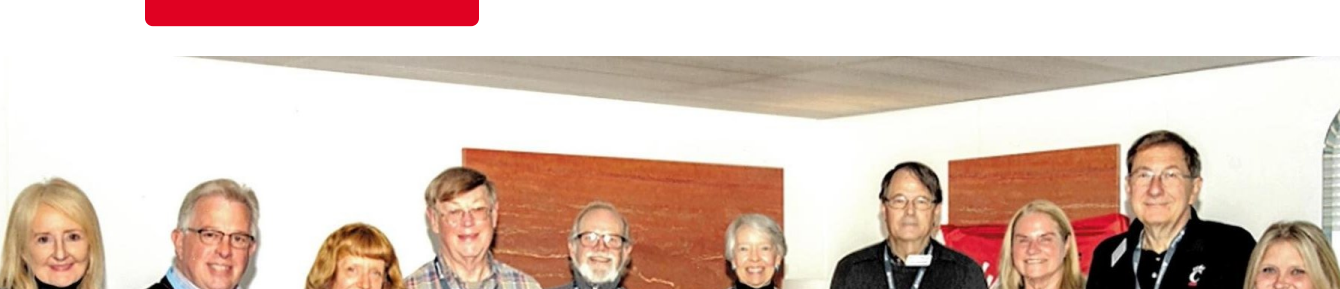
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**Do You Know Outstanding Medicine Alumni?**

The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes MD graduates of the College of Medicine for achievements in the areas of basic research, education, clinical care, health service administration, and public and/or civic duties. Nominations for the 2024 Distinguished Alumni Awards are currently being accepted for **MD graduates from class years ending in 4 and 9.**

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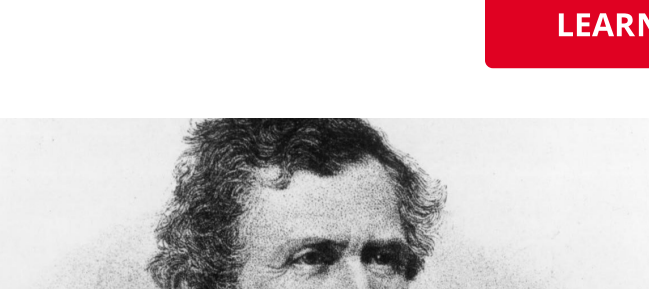


**Travel the World with Fellow Bearcats**

Do **U** want to **C** the world? Traveling with the University of Cincinnati Alumni Association allows you to see the world with fellow Bearcats in an exclusive and worry-free environment. Our trusted travel partners take care of all the details, so you can relax, meet fellow Bearcats, and enjoy the sights.

Several Medicine alumni recently traveled to the Scottish Isles and Norwegian Fjords. Pictured left to right: Denise Kiley; **James W. Kiley, MD, A&S '72, Med '76**; Marcia J. Dempsey, CECH '68, A&S '70; Clyde R. Dempsey; **Wallace (Wally) H. Good, Jr., MD, Med '78**; Pamela W. Popp, Nur '81, Law '84; **Thomas T. Medsker, MD, Med '78**; **Karen F. Krone, MD, Med '82**; **Robert E. Krone, Jr., MD, Med '79**; and Jennifer L. Heisey, A&S '97, Chief Alumni Officer.

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**Daniel Drake Medalists**

The 2023 recipients of Daniel Drake Medals, the highest honor awarded by the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, are **Linda Book, MD '71**; **Henry Nasrallah, MD; Marc Rothenberg, MD, PhD**; and **Daniel Woo, MD '94.**

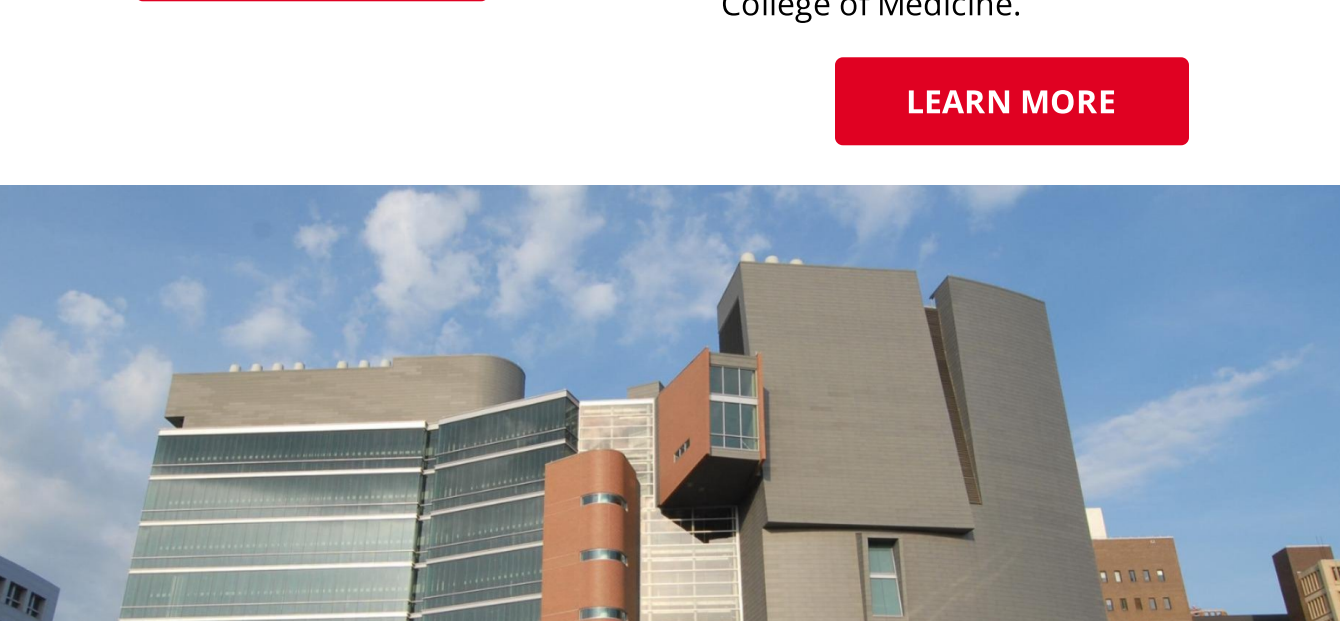
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**Alumni Honored Through Community Art Project**

Each year, the UC Alumni Association celebrates the UC Family's legacy of excellence by bestowing its top awards on a select group of Bearcats. **Dr. Janice Hutchinson '73** received the Marian A. Spencer Mosaic Award and **Dr. Clyde Henderson '77** received the Outstanding Alumni Award for the College of Medicine.

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**Around the College**

**Alumni**

- UC Emergency Medicine Residency Program alumnus **Shawn Ryan, MD** made a gift to support a faculty position in the Department of Emergency Medicine focused on the research and treatment of substance abuse.
- Callisia Clarke, MD '06** has been appointed chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology at the Medical College of Wisconsin.
- Todd Arthur, MD '99** was inducted into the Sidney (Ohio) City Schools Hall of Honor.
- Brian Clarke, MD '16** is now an Acute Care Surgeon at St. Elizabeth Edgewood and married classmate **Connie Fu, MD '16.**
- Robert Hufnagel, MD, PhD '10, '11** has been named a director of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics.
- Michael Fareri, MD '20** received the Academy of Emergency Ultrasound's Resident Research Award.
- Dawn Coleman, MD '03** is the new Division Chief of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery at Duke University and was promoted to Professor with tenure.
- Ellen Air, MD, PhD '02, '04** has been named the Henry Ford Health System's Chair of the Neurosurgery Department.
- Neonatologist **Holly Strike, MD '03** cared for premature twins who were released after 6 weeks.
- Stephen P. Sugrue, PhD '79.** Associate Vice President for Research at University of Florida Health, will retire this fall.
- David Grundy, MD '98** launched [The Legal MD Podcast](#) that features world-class experts in medicine, law, policy, forensics, private investigation and law enforcement.

**Faculty**

- [Women leaders and role models abound](#) at the UC College of Medicine.
- Bi Awosika, MD**, associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine, has been named assistant dean of diversity, equity and inclusion with a focus on medical education.
- Daniel Schumacher, MD, PhD**, professor in the Department of Pediatrics, has been invited to participate in the elite Karolinska Institute Prize for Research in Medical Education Fellows Program.
- Myles Pensak, MD**, professor emeritus in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, became just the sixth recipient of The Triological Society Gold Medal.

**Students**

- Graduating medical students [tore into their Match Day envelopes March 17](#) to find out where they matched.
- Jules Madzia, PhD**, a student in the Medical Scientist Training Program, has been awarded the Presidential Medal of Graduate Student Excellence for 2023, becoming the first UC student to win both this medal and the Presidential Leadership Medal of Excellence, which she received in 2017 as an undergraduate student.
- William Smith** and **Minh Nguyen** are pursuing their dream of medical school through the [support of the Iva Dean Medical Student Scholarship.](#)

**College News & Research Highlights**

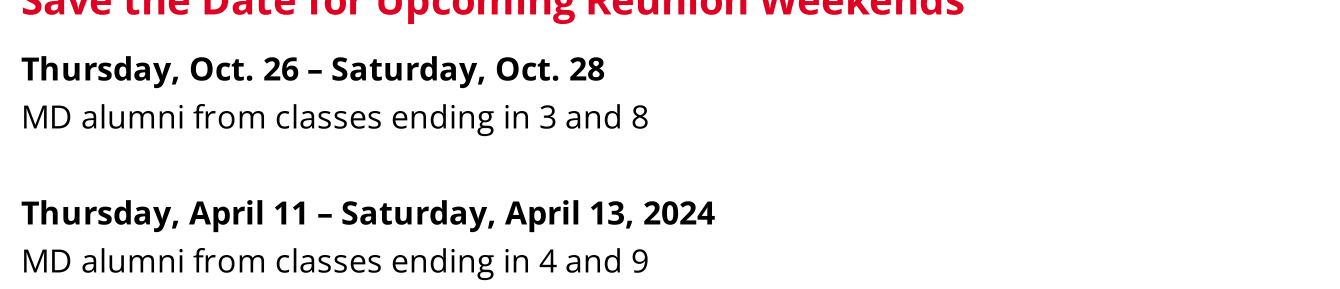
- Cincinnati Children's is the [top children's hospital in the nation](#), according to the Best Children's Hospitals rankings for 2023-2024 from U.S. News & World Report.
- A research team from the College of Medicine and Cincinnati Children's has [identified the most specific cellular signatures to date for kidney transplant rejection.](#)
- College of Medicine researchers have enrolled the first four patients in a [first-of-its-kind trial that will test a treatment for abnormal brain activity sometimes referred to as a "brain tsunami."](#)
- Researchers have found that [when women experienced a cumulative amount of stress during pregnancy, there was an epigenetic modification in the baby.](#)

**Save the Date for Upcoming Reunion Weekends**

**Thursday, Oct. 26 – Saturday, Oct. 28**  
MD alumni from classes ending in 3 and 8

**Thursday, April 11 – Saturday, April 13, 2024**  
MD alumni from classes ending in 4 and 9

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**BRI COGGINS '10, '20**

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



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