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Captured by the camera at Class Day were grinning M.D. grads like 1 Kristin Elias, 2 Benjamin Solomon and Kathleen Del Grosso; proud faculty and administrators like 3 Elmer Pfefferkorn, left, pictured with M.D. grad Jeffrey Barrett, and 4 Dean Stephen Spielberg, pictured with (behind him) associate deans Constance Brinckerhoff, David Nierenberg, and Gerald O'Connor; happy about-to-be-Ph.D.'s like 5 Niranjana Bose and 6 Laleh Talebian; and graduates of the master's of public health and evaluative clinical sciences programs like 7 Thaniyyah Ahmad. The already special day had particular meaning for two families—those of 8 Nikhil Thakur, in the center of the back row, who graduated from DMS exactly 100 years after his great-grandfather graduated from medical school, and 9 Geoffrey and Jaime Walford, in the center of the front row, first cousins and classmates whose graduation was cause for a family reunion.

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## Class Day speakers commend a world view to DMS graduates

Graduating from DMS is better than winning the lottery, Dr. William Foege told the crowd at Class Day. “If you win the lottery,” said Foege, senior medical advisor for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, “you are still the same person the next day. . . . You just have money in the bank.” The soon-to-be DMS graduates, however, had “won a lottery of high potential for a life of satisfaction and service—a bank account of knowledge and experience that will only grow,” Foege explained. “You are now one of the people with the highest capacity for making the world what we want it to be.”

Foege went on to challenge the new physicians and scientists to “love science . . . but don’t worship it,” to “think and act locally and globally,” to “be a generalist and a specialist simultaneously,” and to “close the gap” between haves and have-nots.

**Students:** The student speakers struck a similar note. “There is no bigger test for humanity than the global health crisis that we are currently facing,” said Ph.D. candidate Niranjana Bose. “Each one of us has a unique contribution to make.” And M.D. candidate Tobias Hays said, “I believe that even the smallest things have real significance. Instead of being overwhelmed by the immensity of the universe, we should . . . believe that we do matter and that our daily interactions are incredibly significant.”

## Student Prizes and Awards



**Dean’s Medal** David Wartman

**John W. Strohbehn Medal for Excellence in Biomedical Research**  
Jonathan Huntington

**Good Physician Award** Kristen Thornton

**Department of Anesthesiology Outstanding Graduating Student Award**  
Jennifer McGuire

**Saul Blatman Award for Excellence in Maternal and Child Health**  
Cara Mathews

**Harte C. Crow Award in Radiology** Asef Khwaja

**Dartmouth-Mosenthal Surgical Society**  
Rebekah Kim, Bryan Mitchell, Nicholas Osborne,  
Matthew Stanwix, Nikhil Thakur

**E. Elizabeth French Distinguished Student Award in Pathology**  
Bryan Coffing, Jonathan Marotti, David Wartman

**Dr. Freddie Fu Orthopaedic Surgery Award** Bryan Mitchell

**AMWA Glasgow-Rubin Achievement Citations**  
Rebecca Cogswell, Meighan Smith

**Hitchcock Foundation Student Research Prize**  
Christine Weinberger, Erin Salcone

**Julian and Melba Jarrett Memorial Prize** Kelly Bodio

**C. Everett Koop, M.D., Courage Award** Paul DeKoning

**Frederic P. Lord Award in Anatomy** Nwamaka Tagbo

**Department of Medicine Award** Rebecca Cogswell

### Merck Manual Awards

Joi Carter, Nicholas Osborne, Anthony Perrone, Hussein Samji

**Arthur Naitove Surgical Scholar Award** Nicholas Osborne

**New England Pediatric Society Award** Benjamin Solomon

**Payson-Hampers M.D.-M.B.A. Scholars Award** Anthony Perrone

**Department of Psychiatry Award for Excellence in Clinical Psychiatry**  
Thaddeus Shattuck

**John F. Radebaugh Community Service Award**

Trevor Braden, Meighan Smith

### Rural Health Scholar Awards

Trevor Braden, Jessica Holland, Lisa Holland, Kristen Thornton

**Barry D. Smith, M.D., Award for Excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology**  
Cara Mathews

**Stanley J. Sarnoff Cardiovascular Science Award** Geoffrey Walford

**Rock Sleyster Memorial Scholarship** Shannon Lucas

**Rolf C. Syvertsen Fellows** Stanley Weinberger, Evan Dvorin

### Rolf C. Syvertsen Scholars

Rebecca Cogswell, Corey Couto, Elizabeth Martin,  
Cloe Shelton, Geoffrey Walford

**Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award** Rebekah Kim

**John and Sophia Zaslow Prize** Evan Dvorin

**Douglas P. Zipes, M.D., Research Prize in Medicine** Geoffrey Walford

Probably the most significant moment that day for the 21 Ph.D., 23 M.S., 29 M.P.H., and 69 M.D. students was when they heard their names called and received their velvet-lined hoods, which they would wear in the College-wide graduation ceremony the next day.

After the conferring of the hoods, a few student awards were presented: the Dean’s Medal to M.D. candidate David Wartman, the John W. Strohbehn Medal to M.D.-Ph.D. candidate Jonathan Huntington, and the Good Physician Award to Kristen Thornton, chosen by her classmates as the graduate who best exemplifies the personal and intangible qualities of a good physician. All the awards, including many presented the previous day, are listed in the adjacent box.

**Teachers:** In addition, the graduates handed out some awards—the Basic Science Teaching Award to Dr. Martha McDaniel, the Clinical Science Teaching Award to Dr. Donald St. Germain, and the Thomas P. Almy Housestaff Teaching Award to Dr. Kari Rosenkranz.

Bringing Class Day to a close was the booming voice of Professor John Rassias, Dartmouth’s chair of French and Italian, as he chanted the Hippocratic Oath in Greek. Then Dr. Stephen Spielberg, DMS’s dean, led the M.D. candidates in reciting the oath in English. “If I will be true to this, may prosperity and good repute be forever mine; the opposite if I shall prove myself forsworn,” finished the dean and Dartmouth’s newest physicians.

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