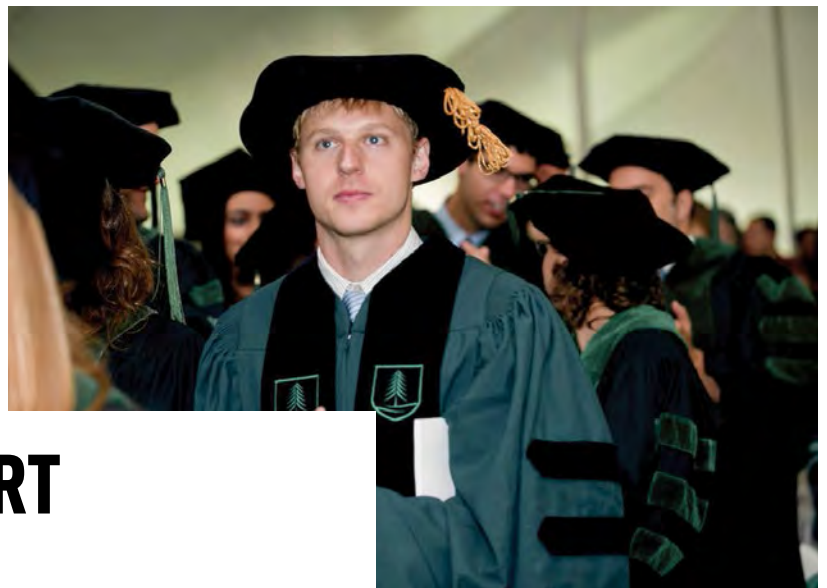




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## GRADUATES START A NEW CHAPTER

**O**N THE DAY THAT THE 210 NEWEST GRADUATES of the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth received their degrees, speaker Abraham Verghese reminded them that even with everything they have learned to do, sometimes their most important role will be simply as listeners.

Verghese, a professor and senior associate chair for the theory and practice of medicine at Stanford, is an accomplished writer—his books include the bestseller *Cutting for Stone*—but he said that listening to his patients’ stories has been essential not just to his writing but to his clinical

practice. Through stories he has developed closer relationships with patients, helping him to care for them better, even when there is little that conventional medicine can offer.

The 210 graduates include 103 new physicians, 33 PhD recipients, 56 recipients of an MPH, and 18 MS graduates.

Above, clockwise from top left: Bagpiper Travis Matheney ('00) leads the procession; physician and writer Abraham Verghese addresses the graduates; MD-PhD candidate Michael Miller; several PhD graduates on their big day.

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#### CYCLING FOR SCIENCE

In July, the 32nd annual Prouty raised a record \$2.6 million with the help of 5,800 cyclists, walkers, rowers, and golfers, as well as many more volunteers. The funds will go toward research by Geisel and Dartmouth-Hitchcock scientists and toward patient services at Norris Cotton Cancer Center.