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# PROGRAM FOR COMMENCEMENT

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Friday, December 15, 2023

**Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD, FACOG**

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*Presiding*

PRELUDE . . . . . Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

CALL TO ORDER . . . . . Rita Finley, PhD  
*Grand Marshal*  
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PROCESSIONAL . . . . . War March of the Priests  
*Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy*

INVOCATION . . . . . Marvin L. Crawford, MD, MDiv, FACP  
*Chaplain*  
*Associate Professor, Internal Medicine*  
*Senior Pastor, First Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church*

NATIONAL ANTHEM . . . . . “The Star Spangled Banner”  
*Performed by Ms. Ida Mhunduru*  
*Words by Francis Scott Key*

+HYMN . . . . . “Lift Every Voice and Sing”  
*Performed by Morehouse College Glee Club*  
*Words by James Weldon Johnson*  
*Music by John Rosamond Johnson*

THE OCCASION . . . . . Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD, FACOG  
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GREETINGS . . . . . Camille Davis-Williams, MD  
*Member, Board of Trustees*  
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CLASS REMARKS . . . . . Courtney Philpot  
*Secretary, PA Class of 2024*

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER . . . . . Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD, FACOG  
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A SCIENTIST’S PLEDGE . . . . .	Danita Eatman-Daniels, PhD <i>Associate Dean, Graduate Education in Biomedical Science Associate Professor, Department of Medical Education &amp; Department of Pharmacology &amp; Toxicology</i>
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OATH OF HIPPOCRATES . . . . .	Martha L. Elks, MD, PhD, FACP, FACE <i>Senior Associate Dean, Educational Affairs Professor of Medical Education Professor of Medicine</i>
ALUMNI INDUCTION . . . . .	Frank Jones, MD ‘91 <i>President, Morehouse School of Medicine National Alumni Association</i>
CHARGE TO THE CLASS . . . . .	Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD, FACOG <i>President and CEO</i>
THE MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE HYMN . . . . .	“SOAR” <i>Morehouse Glee Club Words and Music by Jerry E. Peters</i>
BENEDICTION . . . . .	Marvin L. Crawford, MD, MDiv, FACP <i>Chaplain Associate Professor, Internal Medicine Senior Pastor, First Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church</i>
RECESSIONAL . . . . .	“Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1” <i>Composed by Sir Edward Elgar</i>

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## OVERVIEW

Morehouse School of Medicine, located in Atlanta, Georgia, was founded in 1975 as the Medical Education Program at Morehouse College. In 1981, Morehouse School of Medicine became an independently chartered institution. Morehouse School of Medicine is among the nation's leading educators of primary-care physicians and was recently recognized as the top institution among U.S. medical schools for its social mission. Morehouse School of Medicine faculty and alumni are noted in their fields for excellence in teaching, research, and public policy. Morehouse School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, Council on Education for Public Health, Liaison Committee on Medical Education, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

## MISSION

**We exist to:**

- Improve the health and well-being of individuals and communities
- Increase the diversity of the health professional and scientific workforce
- Address primary health care through programs in education, research, and service *with emphasis on people of color and the underserved urban and rural populations in Georgia, the nation, and the world.*

## VISION

*Leading the creation and advancement of health equity*

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# RAVI I. THADHANI, MD, MPH

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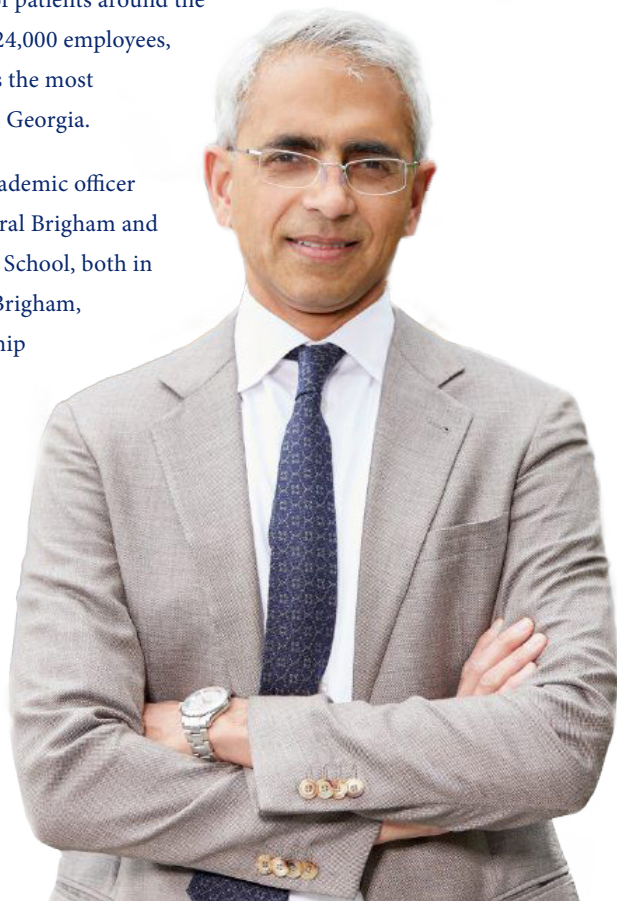
VICE CHAIR, EMORY HEALTHCARE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ravi I. Thadhani, MD, MPH, is the executive vice president for health affairs (EVPHA) of Emory University, executive director of Emory's Woodruff Health Sciences Center (WHSC), and vice chair of the Emory Healthcare Board of Directors.

As EVPHA and executive director of the WHSC, Thadhani oversees Emory's renowned academic health sciences enterprise focused on advancing research, training, and health-care delivery innovation. The Woodruff Health Sciences Center includes Emory's schools of medicine, public health and nursing; Winship Cancer Institute; Emory National Primate Research Center; Emory Global Health Institute; Goizueta Institute @ Emory Brain Health; Emory Global Diabetes Research Center; and Emory Healthcare.

As vice chair of the Emory Healthcare Board, Thadhani provides oversight of Emory Healthcare's CEO and leadership team, ensuring the delivery of high-quality, patient-centered care focused on supporting the health and well-being of patients around the state. Emory Healthcare, with more than 24,000 employees, 11 hospital campuses and 425 locations, is the most comprehensive academic health system in Georgia.

Thadhani most recently served as chief academic officer and dean for faculty affairs for Mass General Brigham and professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, both in Boston, Massachusetts. At Mass General Brigham, he was a member of the executive leadership team and oversaw graduate medical education, professional development, and a \$2.3 billion research enterprise. Previously, Thadhani served as vice dean of research and graduate research education at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles (2017-2019),



associate director of research at Mass General Brigham (2012-2017), and chief of nephrology at Massachusetts General Hospital (2013-2017).

With more than 30 years as a general and specialized internal medicine physician, Thadhani has extensive experience in patient care, research, and clinical trials. He has led a successful research lab with continuous federal funding for more than 25 years, with a focus on kidney disease and developing diagnostics and therapeutics for patients with preeclampsia. Thadhani has performed several clinical trials focused on effective treatments and preventative measures for preeclampsia, one of the leading causes of maternal and perinatal morbidity and mortality.

He is the author or co-author of more than 300 scientific manuscripts and has published in top-tier journals, including the New England Journal of Medicine, Lancet, and Journal of the American Medical Association. Thadhani has been inducted into several honor societies, including the American Society for Clinical Investigation, Association of American Physicians, American Epidemiological Society, and the American Clinical and Climatological Association. He also serves as a board member of the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, a research organization that convenes a community of researchers from across many disciplines and partner institutions—MIT, Harvard, and Harvard-affiliated hospitals.

A recipient of several distinguished national awards, Thadhani has an extensive track record of recruiting and mentoring women and underrepresented staff, trainees, and faculty. He has been honored with the Harold Amos Faculty Diversity Award from Harvard Medical School, the Alumni Award of Merit from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and the John P. Peters Award from the American Society of Nephrology.

Thadhani earned his doctor of medicine degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in 1991. He received a master of public health degree from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame. He also completed the LEAD Innovation Certificate Program in 2020 at the Stanford University Graduate School of Business.

# MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2023

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## *Master of Administration in Justice-Involved Care*

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## *Master of Public Health*

**Naomi Campbell**

*Dissertation Title: Determinants of Self-Reported History of Pelvic Inflammatory Disease Among Women Aged 15 to 50 in the United States*

**Tai Chambers**

*Dissertation Title: TRIP: Teen Rap Intervention Program-Exploring Bully Perpetration in Adolescents ages 12-18*

**Samuel Sessou**

*Dissertation Title: Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Colon Cancer Incidence and Survival Outcomes for Racially Minoritized Populations in the United States*

**Ashton Tanner**

*Dissertation Title: Childhood Obesity: Reducing risk within Childhood and Young Adult (Ages 8 through 15) obesity through education and fitness-related initiatives utilizing Geographical locational Indicators*

**Hunter Williams**

*Dissertation Title: Hypertension and You: Understanding Hypertension and heart disease in Black men in the Vine City and English Avenue area*

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### *Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies*

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Olinese Augustin	Nnamdi Ofodile
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Janae' Bryant	Courtney Philpot
Khayrassa Cantrell	Masia Ravare
Priscylla Carvalho	Cassandra Riley
Vanessa Castro	Kayla Sams
Jennifer Farman	Destinye Sims
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Ashley Green-Johnson	Meagan Titus
Jada Hyland	Shameka White
Jessica Joyner	Ashley Williams
Emily Liang	Clayton Williams
Jessica Lyster	Sara Worku
Rachel Magistre-Thomas	

## GRADUATE EDUCATION IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

### *Master of Science in Biomedical Research*

**Amber Dawning**

*Thesis Title: Molecular Characterization of Clinical Staphylococcus aureus*

*Specimens using Matrix Assisted Laser Desorption/Ionization*

*Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometry*

*Research Advisor: Lilly Immergluck, MD, MS, FAAP*

*Professor, Department of Microbiology, Biochemistry, & Immunology*

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## *Master of Science in Biotechnology*

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**Melayshia McFadden**

## *Master of Science in Health Informatics*

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**Megara Shepperson**

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## *Master of Science in Medical Sciences*

**Dwight Parker**

## *Master of Science in Neuroscience*

**Je'Niesa Manning**

*Thesis Title: Pro-inflammatory Responses And Proteomic Analysis Of An*

*Astrocyte Cell Line Expressing HIV Genes*

*Research Advisor: **Walter Royal, III, MD** Chair and Professor,*

*Department of Neurobiology, Neuroscience Institute*

**Grace Olofintuyi**

*Thesis Title: Sleep and Social Stress Interaction In The Ventral Medical Prefrontal Cortex*

*Research Advisor: **Christopher Ehlen, PhD** Assistant Professor,*

*Department of Neurobiology, Neuroscience Institute*



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## *Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences*

**Ariel Armstrong**

*Dissertation Title: Acid-Sensing Ion Channels In Long-Term Stroke Recovery*

Research Advisor: **Zhigang Xiong, MD, PhD**

*Professor, Department of Neurobiology, Neuroscience Institute*

**Melayshia McFadden**

*Dissertation Title: Nanoparticle Mediated Therapeutic Approach for Ovarian Cancer*

Research Advisor: **LRajesh Singh, PhD**

*Professor, Department of Microbiology, Biochemistry, & Immunology*

## *Doctor of Medicine*

**Banafsheh Nazari**

# MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

## INTERNATIONAL DECLARATION OF HEALTH RIGHTS

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### HEALTH REQUIRES PEACEFUL AND EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT AND COLLABORATION OF ALL PEOPLES

**The enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health** is one of the fundamental rights of every human being. It is not a privilege for those with power, money, or social standing.

**Health is more than the absence of disease**, but includes prevention of illness, development of individual potential, a positive sense of physical, mental, and social well-being.

**Health care should be based on dialogue and collaboration** between citizens, professions, communities, and policy makers. Health service should be affordable, accessible, effective, efficient, and convenient.

**Health begins** with healthy development of the child and a positive family environment.

**Health must be sustained** by the active role of men and women in health and development. The role of women and their welfare must be recognized and addressed.

**Health care for the elderly** should preserve dignity, respect, and concern for a sustainable environment with balanced human populations growth and preservation of cultural diversity.

**Health depends on availability** to people of basic elements: Food, safe water, housing, education, productive employment, protection from pollution, and prevention of social alienation.

**Health depends on protection** from exploitation without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition.

# PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL OATH

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## I PLEDGE TO PERFORM THE FOLLOWING DUTIES WITH HONESTY AND DEDICATION:

**I will hold** as my primary responsibility the health, safety, welfare  
and dignity of all human beings.

**I will uphold** the tenets of patient autonomy, beneficence,  
nonmaleficence and justice.

**I will recognize and promote** the value of diversity.

**I will treat** equally all persons who seek my care.

**I will hold** in confidence the information shared in the course of  
practicing medicine.

**I will assess** my personal capabilities and limitations, striving always  
to improve my medical practice.

**I will actively seek** to expand my knowledge and skills, keeping  
abreast of advances in medicine.

**I will work** with other members of the health care team to provide  
compassionate and effective care of patients.

**I will use** my knowledge and experience to contribute to an  
improved community.

**I will respect** my professional relationship with the physician.

**I will share** and expand knowledge within the profession.

*These duties are pledged with sincerity and upon my honor.*

# A SCIENTIST'S PLEDGE

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**I accept** this opportunity to follow the difficult and rewarding path of biomedical science and clinical research.

**I will endeavor to** honor all those who have contributed to this opportunity by always working to the utmost of my abilities and by increasing those abilities when possible.

**I will strive to** advance fundamental knowledge about all living things.

**I pledge** to use my energy, intellect and education to enhance the lives of all mankind, understanding that often the greatest strides are made through efforts to assist the dispossessed and underprivileged in our world.

**I will carefully consider and remain mindful of** the ethical implications of my work.

**I will never** use my gifts and skills to intentionally harm any individual, or group.

**In planning and carrying out** my work, I will treat this planet and all its life forms with honor and respect.

**I will honor and respect** the efforts of my teachers, taking great care always to give credit where credit is due and always humbly understanding that all that I see, I see by standing on the shoulders of the many scientists who have gone before me.

**I will also honor and respect** my students and all who rely on that which have learned, striving to truthfully and openly disclose all my methods, findings, and conclusions.

*So long as I adhere to this pledge, may I have continued success in the field of biomedical science and clinical research.*

# THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH

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THE OATH OF HIPPOCRATES WAS DEMANDED OF THE YOUNG PHYSICIAN OF ANCIENT GREECE AS HE WAS ABOUT TO ENTER HIS PROFESSION. THE FOLLOWING IS A MODERN VERSION OF THE ORIGINAL.

**I solemnly swear** that as a graduate of Morehouse School of Medicine, according to my ability and judgment, I will keep the following oath:

**I will consider dear to me** those who have taught me this art and will teach the art to all those who qualify as students;

**I will follow that method of treatment** which, according to my ability and judgment, I consider for the benefit of my patients, and will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous;

**I will preserve the purity** of my life and my art. In every house where I come, I will enter only for the good of my patients, keeping myself from all intentional ill doing and seduction;

**All that may come to my knowledge** in the exercise of my profession, which ought not to be spread abroad, I will keep secret and will never reveal;

**If I keep this oath faithfully**, may I enjoy my life and practice my art, respected by all people and in all times; but if I trespass and violate this oath, may the reverse be my lot.

# ACADEMIC SYMBOLS

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The banner and flag show the Morehouse School of Medicine logo. The original logo was designed in 1976 by artists David and Delores Cato of D'Cato of Atlanta, Georgia. The mace is carried by the Mace Bearer in the procession and is the medieval symbol of the office and the authority of the president. The head is made from sterling silver and gold, and the shaft carved from Australian Rosewood. Morehouse School of Medicine's original logo forms the head. The names of the presidents of the institution will be carved in the silver sleeves of the shaft, depicting the continuity of institutional leadership over the years. The mace was designed and crafted by Mr. Richard Mafong of Georgia State University and presented as a gift to the school by Dr. and Mrs. Theodore P. Ritota of South Orange, New Jersey.

The academic dress worn by those in the procession includes the cap, gown, and hood. The cap, made of black serge or broadcloth, is worn by holders of all degrees, but the cap of the doctor may be of velvet. Gowns are usually black, but the color is determined by the university from which the highest degree was obtained. The doctor's gown is round, has bell sleeves, and is faced down in front and barred on the sleeves with black velvet. Doctors' hoods are in the full shape with a rounded base. Their hoods are four-feet long and have a five-inch silk, satin, or velvet border on the outside. The border represents the faculty from which the wearer has received his/her degree. The color of the border representing medicine is green. Throughout the United States, there has not been a change in the standard colors which represent the disciplines. The color facing the hood, whether it is black or colored, indicates the following:

Kelly Green:	Medicine
Science Gold:	Science
Dark Blue:	Philosophy
Lilac:	Dentistry
Scarlet:	Theology
Purple:	Law
Olive:	Pharmacy
Lemon:	Library Science
Light Blue:	Education
Drab:	Business
Citron:	Social Work Public
Salmon Pink:	Health
Sage Green:	Physician Assistant

Each hood is lined with silk in colors representative of the institution granting the degree. The colors for Morehouse School of Medicine are blue and ivory.

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# “THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER”

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FRANCIS SCOTT KEY

O say can you see by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;  
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?  
On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,  
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,  
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,  
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?  
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,  
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream:  
'Tis the star-spangled banner, O! long may it wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

# “LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING”

JAMES WELDON JOHNSON

Lift Every voice and sing  
‘Til the earth and Heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty,  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun  
Of our new day begun,  
Let us march on ‘til victory is won.

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and academic honors.  
Please accept our sincere apologies  
if we have committed an error or omission.

# “SOAR”

## (TO THE HIGHEST PLACE OF DREAMS)

JERRY PETERS

Voice

Sol - emn - ly, we are poised to pur - sue our jour - ney to that

6 pri - vi - leged place. \_\_\_\_\_ Hum - bly, we will ans - wer to our

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28 tion, yet we will bold - ly \_\_\_\_\_ spread our wings \_\_\_\_\_ as we soar \_\_\_\_\_

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