



St. George's University

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Grenada, West Indies

VIRTUAL
WHITE COAT CEREMONY



Saturday, June 26, 2021

“Tonight is a transition in life—an opening, a passage, and a precious opportunity to reassert what we share, what we deeply believe beyond subspecialty or gender or age—that the chains of pain and suffering can and will be broken, that the world can change one person, one situation, one diagnosis, one dignity-affirming moment, one life-affirming moment at a time.”

Jonathan M. Mann, MD, MPH
St. George's University White Coat Ceremony
January 1998

PROGRAM

Remarks..... **Glen Jacobs, DEd**
Provost, St. George's University

Remarks..... **Charles R. Modica, JD, DCL**
Chancellor, St. George's University

Remarks..... **Marios Loukas, MD, PhD**
Dean, School of Medicine,
St. George's University

Keynote Address **G. Richard Olds, MD, MACP**
President, St. George's University

Presentation of White Coats Portraits of individual students

Professional Commitment..... **Krystal Rampersad, MBBS**
Clinical Instructor, Dean of Basic Sciences Office,
and Galen College Director, St. George's University

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

G. RICHARD OLDS, MD, MACP



An educator, physician, and administrator during a distinguished career spanning more than 30 years, Dr. G. Richard Olds has served as the President of St. George's University since August 2015. Prior to joining SGU, Dr. Olds was the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and Founding Dean of the School of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside (UCR). In 2010, he joined UCR to lead the creation of a new school of medicine—the first LCME-accredited medical school in California in more than four decades.

Dr. Olds is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and trained in internal medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He was an infectious disease fellow and one of the nation's first geographic medicine fellows at University Hospitals of Cleveland, where he also served as medical chief resident and faculty member. He served as full Professor of Medicine, Pediatrics, Molecular, Cell and Development Biology at Brown University, and Professor and Chairman of Medicine at the MetroHealth Campus of Case Western Reserve University. His role at UCR was preceded by a stint as Professor and Chair of Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin. In addition to his academic background, Dr. Olds is a tropical disease specialist with extensive experience working in Asia and Africa.

Dr. Olds has over 100 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, primarily on international health topics. He was the Foreign Principal Investigator of an NIH funded Tropical Disease Research Center in the Philippines. He currently serves on a WHO expert panel and was chairman of the Board of a large Gates Foundation project to deworm children in Sub-Saharan Africa.

PREVIOUS WHITE COAT SPEAKERS

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G. Richard Olds, MD, MACP (January 2021)
President, St. George's University

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President, St. George's University

Richard Levin, MD FACP, FACC, FAHA (January 2020)
Chief of Surgical Critical Care Services

Anthony Tobia, MD (August 2019)
Professor of Psychiatry, Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine
Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Daniel Herr, MD (January 2019)
Chief of Surgical Critical Care Services, Director of Cardiac Surgery Unit,
University of Maryland

John J. Cush, MD (August 2018)
Director of Clinical Rheumatology, Baylor Research Institute,
Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine,
University of Texas Southwestern Medical School

Lee Todd Miller, MD, BA (January 2018)
Professor of Pediatrics and Associate Dean for Student Affairs
David Geffen School of Medicine, University of California, Los Angeles

Tochi Iroku-Malize, MD, MPH, MBA (August 2017)
Chair of the Department of Family Medicine for Northwell Health, New York,
Chair and Professor of Family Medicine at Hofstra Northwell School of
Medicine

Gerard Corcoran, BSc, MS, FRCS (January 2017)
Consultant in Palliative Medicine,
Marie Curie Palliative Care Institute, Liverpool

G. Richard Olds, MD, MACP (August 2016)
President, St. George's University

Arthur R. Derse, MD, JD (January 2016)
Director, Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities
Professor of Medical Humanities,
Professor of Bioethics and Emergency Medicine,
Medical College of Wisconsin

Hugh Montgomery, MB, BS, BSC, FRCP, MD, FRGS, FRI, FFICM (August 2015)
Professor, Intensive Care Medicine, University College London

PREVIOUS WHITE COAT SPEAKERS

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Matthew Wynia, MD, MPH, FACP (January 2015)
Director of the Institute for Ethics, American Medical Association

Susan E. Cohen, MD (August 2014)
Medical Director, Palliative Care Program, Bellevue Hospital Center

Fred Jacobs, MD, JD (August 2013)
Executive Vice President, St. George's University
Chair, St. George's University Department of Medicine

Charles H. C. Twort, HC, MA, MD, FRCP, FRCPE (January 2013)
Consultant Physician in Respiratory Medicine, Guy's and St. Thomas' Hospital
Adjunct Professor, St. George's University School of Medicine

Catherine DeAngelis, MD, MPH (August 2012)
Professor, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
Editor-in-Chief Emerita, Journal of the American Medical Association

Cindy L. Parker, MD, MPH (January 2012)
Co-Director, Program on Global Sustainability and Health,
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Iona Heath, MD, CBE, MRCP, PRCGP (August 2011)
President, Royal College of General Practitioners

Jane Macnaughton, MA, MBChB, MRCGP, DRCOG, PhD (January 2011)
Co-Director, Centre for Medical Humanities, Deputy Head of School of
Medicine and Health, Durham University

Lord Walton of Detchant, Kt, TD, MA, MD, DSc, FRCP, FMedSci (August 2010)

Jerome Kurent, MD, MPH (January 2010)
Vice Chairman, South Carolina Center for Gerontology

Sir Kenneth Calman, FRSE, PhD, FRCP, FRCS (Ed), FRCGP (August 2009)
Chancellor, University of Glasgow

Joshua Hauser, MD (January 2009)
Assistant Director of Medicine and Palliative Care
Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University

William S. Anderock, MD (August 2008)
Medical Director, Program in Medicine and Human Values, California Pacific
Medical Center, San Francisco

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Leigh B. Grossman, MD (January 2008)

Vice Provost for International Affairs and Chief, Division of Pediatric Infectious Disease, University of Virginia

John J. Cush, MD (August 2007)

Trustee, St. George's University
Chief, Division of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology,
Medical Director of the Arthritis Center, Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas

John D. Lantos, MD (January 2007)

Professor of Pediatrics and Associate Director, MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics, University of Chicago

David Muller, MD (August 2006)

Dean of Medical Education, Mount Sinai Medical Center

Ezekiel Emanuel, MD, PhD (January 2006)

Chair, Department of Clinical Bioethics, Warren G. Magnuson Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health

Ed Johnson, MD (August 2005)

Dean, Kingstown Medical College
Professor, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, St. George's University

Arnold P. Gold, MD (January 2005)

Founder and President, Arnold P. Gold Foundation
Professor, Clinical Neurology and Clinical Pediatrics,
College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University

Sandra O. Gold, EdD (January 2005)

Co-Founder and Vice President, Arnold P. Gold Foundation

Jay S. Keystone, MD, MSc (CTM), FRCPC (August 2004)

Staff Physician, Centre for Travel and Tropical Medicine,
Toronto General Hospital and Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Consultant
to Ontario Ministry of Health

Richard Payne, MD (January 2004)

Chief, Pain and Palliative Care Service,
Department of Neurology, Anne Burnett Tandy Chair in Neurology, Attending Neurologist, Memorial Hospital,
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

Daniel P. Sulmasy, OFM, MD, PhD (August 2003)

Professor of Medicine and Director,
Bioethics Institute of New York Medical College

PREVIOUS WHITE COAT SPEAKERS

SGU/NU 4-YEAR MD PROGRAM

G. Richard Olds, MD, MACP (January 2021)
President, St. George's University

G. Richard Olds, MD, MACP (August 2020)
President, St. George's University

David Heymann, MD, MPH, FACP (January 2020)
Professor, Infectious Disease Epidemiology,
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
Head, Centre on Global Health Security,
Chatham House

Matthew Wynia, MD, MPH (August 2019)
Director, Center for Bioethics and Humanities
University of Colorado

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Director, Center for Bioethics and Humanities
University of Colorado

G. Richard Olds, MD, MACP (August 2018)
President, St. George's University

Linda de Cossart, MD, CBE (January 2018)
Director of Medical Education
Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Chester, UK

Daniel Herr, MD (August 2017)
Chief of Surgical Critical Care Services, Director of Cardiac Surgery Unit
University of Maryland

Lee Todd Miller, MD, BA (January 2017)
Professor of Pediatrics and Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Mala Rao, MSc, MBBS, FFPH, PhD, Hon. FFSRH (August 2016)
Professor and Senior Clinical Fellow, Imperial College London
Honorary Public Health Consultant, Public Health England

Andrew Haines, MBBS, MD (January 2016)
Professor of Public Health and Primary Care
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Arthur R. Derse, MD, JD (August 2015)
Director, Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities
Professor of Medical Humanities, Professor of Bioethics and Emergency
Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin

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Beryl DeSouza, FRCS (Eng), MPhil, MBBS, BSc (Hons) (January 2015)
Plastic Surgeon, Honorary Clinical Lecturer in Plastic Surgery
Imperial College

Gerard Corcoran, BSc, MS, FRCS (August 2014)
Consultant in Palliative Medicine,
Marie Curie Palliative Care Institute, Liverpool UK

David Schapira, MB, BS, MRCP, FRCP, FRCPC (January 2014)
Consultant Pediatrician, Royal Hampshire County Hospital (RHCH)

Leslie Hamilton, MB, BCh, BaO, FRCS (August 2013)
Consultant Cardiac Surgeon, Freeman Hospital

David Pencheon, MD (January 2013)
Director, National Health Service Sustainable Development Unit

Sir Alan William Craft, MBBS, MRCP (UK), MD, FRCP, FRCPC, FFPHM,
FMed.Sci, FAAP, FRCP (I), FRCP (E), FIAP, FRCR, FRCA (August 2012)
Emeritus Professor of Child Health, University of Newcastle upon Tyne
Honorary Consultant Physician, Royal Victoria Infirmary

Charles H. C. Twort, HC, MA, MD, FRCP, FRCPE (January 2012)
Consultant Physician in Respiratory Medicine, Guy's and St. Thomas' Hospital
Adjunct Professor, St. George's University School of Medicine

Andrew James Johnson, MB BCh, FRCP (August 2011)
Former Director of Medical Education, St. George's University,
Kent and Canterbury Hospital

Lord Walton of Detchant, Kt, TD, MA, MD, DSc, FRCP, FMedSci (January 2011)

Jane Macnaughton, MA, MBChB, MRCP, DRCOG, PhD (August 2010)
Co-Director, Centre for Medical Humanities, Deputy Head of School of
Medicine and Health, Durham University

Sir Kenneth Calman, FRSE, PhD, FRCP, FRCS (Ed), FRCGP (January 2010)
Chancellor, University of Glasgow

Ezekiel J. Emanuel, MD, MSc, PhD (August 2009)
Chair, Department of Clinical Bioethics, Warren G. Magnuson Clinical Center,
National Institutes of Health

John Powell-Jackson, MA, MD, FRCP (January 2009)
Associate Director, Office of Career Guidance and Student Development,
St. George's University School of Medicine

PREVIOUS WHITE COAT SPEAKERS

SGU/NU 4-YEAR MD PROGRAM Con't

Sir Miles Irving, FRCS, FMed Sci (August 2008)

Chairman, NHS Innovations (North)

Chairman, Council of the Order of St. John in Northumbria

Rodney Croft, MA, MB, MChir, FRCS, FACS (January 2008)

Dean of Clinical Studies, United Kingdom,

St. George's University School of Medicine

Sir Kenneth Stuart, MD, DSc, FRCP (August 2007)

Former Medical Advisor to the Commonwealth Secretariat, London

Former Dean of the Department of Medicine, University of the West Indies

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

G. RICHARD OLDS, MD, MACP

Today should have special meaning to both the incoming class and your families in that it symbolizes your entry into the medical profession. Doctors in training are afforded very special privileges. Taking on the mantle of doctors also carries great responsibilities. Although you may not in the beginning know a great deal about medicine, you will be expected to hold yourselves to the very highest standards of integrity, honesty, and compassion. Today is but the first step in what I hope is a great career.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

CHARLES R. MODICA, JD, DCL (HONORARY)

I welcome all of you to St. George's University School of Medicine. You have chosen a great and noble career. This White Coat Ceremony symbolizes your entry into the medical profession, a milestone in your life that carries with it a profound obligation of service to others.

As you begin your studies for this challenging career, you must weigh opportunity against responsibility. St. George's University will equip you with all the right tools for the job, but how much you take away with you will depend on how you approach the experience and how much effort you invest in it. I wish you every success.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

MARIOS LOUKAS, MD, PHD

Today bears reflecting on a few of the principles of the oath you will affirm upon graduation from this institution. At the heart of that oath is a resolve to treat the sick to the best of your ability, to preserve patient privacy, and to safeguard life. It also calls to mind a responsibility to share your wisdom with others. Recognize that in entering the field of medicine you join a community, wherein the team is as pivotal to success as individual effort. To this end, you must strive for excellence in your pursuit of knowledge, for you can only give your best when you fulfill your potential.

As you don these white physician coats, you pledge an oath of professionalism and service. While these values are under attack, they are a necessary requirement in medical practice. Professionalism is a commitment to integrity, altruism, competence, and ethics in the service of others.

A physician must constantly balance the needs of his patients and society against the available resources and his own interests. We must endeavor to honor the sacred trust and privilege that society places in medical professionals, cognizant that the standard is an ideal that we must continuously aim to achieve.

HONOR CODE

ST. GEORGE'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

As a member of the student body of St. George's University School of Medicine, an institution of medical education dedicated to a high standard of ethics and academic achievement, and recognizing that it is the duty of the University community to nurture responsible, competent, and safe physicians who exhibit professional maturity and sound moral character, I agree:

- To adhere to the University policy of maintaining a high standard of honor and academic integrity;
- To uphold these ideals by refraining from cheating, plagiarism, lying, and theft; and,
- To accept the responsibility of reporting such wrong doing upon witness.

It is understood that any breach of this Code necessitates disciplinary action, subject to the discretion of University Officials. Once signed, acquiescence to this Code is in effect.

PROFESSIONALISM COMMITMENT

Today is the beginning of my medical education and training as a physician. I acknowledge my responsibility to continue the pursuit of knowledge and understanding until that day when I will cease to be a practicing physician.

I am entering training for a noble profession in which my interest must always be subservient to those who may seek my assistance. I must be ever conscious of the value of my fellow health professionals and treat them with respect at all times. My classmates at St. George's University are now my colleagues and I owe to them the same support and encouragement to achieve their goals as I hope to receive from them. I will work alongside my colleagues and professors with tolerance, compassion, and honesty.

I acknowledge my obligation to adhere to the University Honor Code and to conduct myself with integrity and in an ethical manner at all times henceforth. I shall do all within my power to show in myself an example of all that is honorable and good throughout my medical career. It is a privilege to have been given the opportunity to become a physician. May I be ever conscious of that privilege and never abuse it.

Written by the Student Ethics Task Force
and Alexander P. Ross, MS, FRCS

GOLD HUMANISM HONOR SOCIETY

Every academic year, a group of students is inducted into St. George's University School of Medicine Chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS). Inductees are nominated by their peers and selected on the basis of their humanistic qualities and community service. Our GHHS strives to promote humanism and high ethical standards in medicine and medical education. The White Coat Ceremony Committee extends congratulations to our most recent inductees:

INDUCTEES

Kunal Aggarwal
Uzayr Ali
Elissa Bailey
Fadi Barkho
Arika Boswell
Lauren Brannan
Maria Briceno
Ikttesh Chahal
Ian Clark
Joel Collins II
Claire Collins-Ham
Sowmya Dandu
Dustin Davenport
Christiana David
Matthew DeLuca
Vidisha Desai
Rebecca Dimanche
Taurah Dizadare
Eguono Ejayeriese
Kirolos Eskander
Vyacheslav Fatkhiyev
Paul Feliu
Taylor Finch
Shawn Friedland
Amanda Frondella
Grace Gilbert
Ariel Gonzales
Sara Greene
Ashna Gupta
Anas Haq
John Hiatt

Jared Hobson
Janie Hu
Ahmed Hussein
Ramsey Jaber
Clayton James
Danielle Jayanty
Sophia Ji
Thomas Joyce III
Georgina Kemeh
Ali Khalil
Emily Kim
Olivia Lahey
Matthew Lerner
Marie Liu
Aiysha Mahmood
Mostafa Meleis
Robert Mendenhall
Michael Mikhail
Nino Miletic
Daniel Mozell
Kelsey Murray
Stephanie Nguyen
Charissa Nichols
Ogechi Nwosu
Conor O'Day
Precious Ofodile
Sara Oglesbee
Manushi Patel
Tushar Patel
Lauren Peterson
Pheny Phuu

Ehssan Ramezani
Jeremy Reardon
Rashelle Ripa
Andrew Robinson
Ezequiel Rodriguez
Leah Rosoph
Titilope Saheed
Ishan Sahu
Teenabhargavi
Samanthapudi
Lilia Shaban
Bhavin Shah
Sakshi Sharma
Suyashi Singh
Sawrajpal Singh
Fiyinfoluwa Soluade
Chelsea Spencer
Krishna Suhagia
Colleen Tautkus
Marina Tucktuck
Sadik Uddin
Pia Urtubia
Lisa Vittayaruskul
Ajith Vivek
Casey Weller
Tiffany White
Catherine Wissa
Young Yun (Stella)
Vanessa Zabala

THE WHITE COAT CEREMONY

More than 25 years since its inception at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University in 1993, the White Coat Ceremony has become an important ritual symbolizing a student's induction into the medical profession. St. George's University School of Medicine embraced the White Coat Ceremony in 1996.

Affirming this oath of commitment to the medical profession at the beginning of their studies inducts our MD students into the medical profession—and its highest ethical and professional standards—from the very beginning of their career.

The ceremony is significant not just to each incoming class, but for all who attend including: St. George's University faculty; its staff; students' families and friends; and the White Coat Ceremony keynote speakers who, twice a year, inspire first-term students with heartfelt words of wisdom and personal reflections. It is their spoken contributions that we treasure, and are honored to share with past, present, and future generations of St. George's University students.

“Time, sympathy, and understanding must be lavishly dispensed, but the reward is to be found in that personal bond which forms the greatest satisfaction of the practice of medicine.

One of the essential qualities of the clinician is the interest in humanity, for the secret of care of the patient is caring for the patient.”

Francis W. Peabody

*From a lecture to Harvard medical students in 1925
Accessed from the American College of Physicians, 2007*

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