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GRADUATE CEREMONY

Jefferson College of Life Sciences
Sidney Kimmel Medical College





University Mission

We are a university with preeminence in transdisciplinary, experiential professional education, research and discovery, delivering exceptional value for 21st century students with excellence in architecture, business, design, fashion, engineering, health science, and textiles infused with the liberal arts.

And then we learned anything can happen

Wherever you think your life and career are going, it will not be a straight line. If the COVID pandemic has proven anything, it is that anything can happen! That's why I believe creativity, collaboration and optimism are the keys to the future of your profession and your career.

But that's the future. The fact is that today, this is all about you ... and congratulations, you did it!

Your commencement is a profound accomplishment that happens to be at an extraordinary time. You are, I believe, stepping into a world that needs leadership, that needs professionalism, that needs empathy, and most of all, that needs you.

The Class of 2021 graduates are at a critical moment in history. I love the advice Steven Spielberg offers anyone graduating during this pandemic:

“One of the things this moment is teaching us is that truly anything is possible. It will be imagination and innovation that gets us to the other side. This is a time of huge loss, but it's also a chance to dream big about our futures together.”

He's right. I hope you graduate believing in yourself, and believing in the power of imagination and innovation to get us to the other side.

The faculty worked hard to build Jefferson's effective hyflex education model and you responded beautifully. In fact, this approach enabled you to learn in a mode that will be increasingly how you'll work.

My great hope is that we will all continue to learn from this pandemic. We will learn that our greatest power is human connection, whether in person or virtual. That while science will overcome this virus, it is the human spirit that will sustain us, and drive us to create a better world. In our yearning for time with friends and collaborators, I believe we've come to know even more deeply the power of creativity, communication and empathy.

Thank you for your amazing work finishing this academic year and congratulations on your accomplishments.



Stephen K. Klasko, MD, MBA
President, Thomas Jefferson University
CEO, Jefferson Health

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Processional

Trumpet Voluntary
The Jefferson Processional

John Stanley
Burle Marx
Performed by The Fairmount Brass Quartet

Opening Proclamation

H. Richard Haverstick, Jr.
*Chair, Thomas Jefferson University and
Jefferson Health Board of Trustees*

The National Anthem

Performed by: Members of the Thomas Jefferson University's The Arrhythmias, The Lymph Nodes and the Testosterones
*Robert Abishek, SKMC
Lauren Banner, SKMC
Kaitlin Demarest, SKMC
Gina Goldberg, SKMC
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Convocation and Remarks

Stephen K. Klasko, MD, MBA
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Conferring of Honorary Degrees

Honorary Degree Recipients

Stephen K. Klasko, MD, MBA
Andrew J. Norton, MD, (posthumous) Doctor of Science
BG Tarif Bader, MD, MHA, MA, Doctor of Science

Conferring of Degrees in Course

Jefferson College of Life Sciences
Doctor of Philosophy
Master of Science
Presented by

Stephen K. Klasko, MD, MBA
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Sidney Kimmel Medical College
Doctor of Medicine
Presented by

Mark L. Tykocinski, MD
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Oath of Hippocrates

Clara Callahan, MD
*The Lillian H. Brent Dean of Students and
Admissions*

Recessional

Pomp and Circumstance, Elgar
Performed by the Fairmount Brass Quartet

Honorary Degree Recipient (posthumously)

Andrew J. Norton, MD



Andrew J. Norton, MD, was senior vice president and chief medical officer for Main Line Health, a role he maintained until last July, when he stopped working due to health issues. Dr. Norton died last September of complications from a rare autoimmune disease.

Dr. Norton was a true partner to Thomas Jefferson University and our students, through his commitment to quality education and ongoing advocacy of quality student experience. Dr. Norton's generosity to the students embodied the spirit of the JMC alumnus.

Dr. Norton, or "Andy," as he insisted his colleagues and patients call him, was the son of a physician and followed his father into the medical profession. He trained at Jefferson Medical College and then spent three decades as an internist and professor of medicine in Wisconsin before returning to the Philadelphia area. As Main Line Health's leading physician, he pushed for safer, better, equitable, and patient-centered medicine in the system's five hospitals and one drug-and-alcohol treatment center.

Dr. Norton helped countless staffers and patients at the medical center, where people saw him as a mentor and as someone who was easy to listen to. After earning his medical degree, he attended the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, where he completed his residency in internal medicine and later served as Professor of Clinical Medicine and as Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer for Froedtert Hospital.

In addition to being a teacher, Dr. Norton never stopped reading and going to conferences, and delighted in discussing medical journal articles with others.

When the coronavirus struck last year, Dr. Norton led Main Line Health's response. Despite the uncertainty prevalent at the outset of the crisis, he remained focused on the medical care for the community while ensuring the safety of Main Line Health's employees and medical staff.

With the education that Andy received at Jefferson, he was able to apply his broad-based knowledge and empathy to everything he did. Andy remained a true partner by supporting clinical education for Jefferson students.

Contributions can be made to the Andrew J. Norton, MD Memorial Fund by sending a check made payable to "Main Line Health," with "Dr. Norton Memorial Fund" indicated in the memo section, to the following address:

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Honorary Degree Recipient

BG Tarif Bader, MD, MHA, MA

Tarif Bader, MD, MHA, MA, is a humanitarian and an educator of medicine who is the incoming Director General (Chief Executive Officer) of the Kaplan Medical Center in Israel. Born in the Druze community of Hurfeish, Dr. Bader is the first Arab Druze to hold the office of Surgeon General of the State of Israel.

Dr. Bader has had an extensive and successful medical career. Recently, he was appointed as a member of the Consultant Professional Committee for the Prevention of and Fight Against the Spread of the Coronavirus Pandemic. He is a Senior lecturer at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and gives many lectures on a global scale on humanitarian issues and leadership. He is the recipient of multiple awards, including the Dr. Arnold M. Noyek Award from the University of Toronto. In March of last year, Dr. Bader spoke on behalf of Israel at the United Nations General Assembly Peacekeeping Ministerial Conference.

As a known humanitarian, Dr. Bader has participated in and led many medical missions worldwide. Following the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, he steered the Pediatric Department of the Israeli Field Hospital as a part of the Medical Corps Humanitarian Delegation. He also led humanitarian missions for wounded Syrians across their border during the Syrian civil war in 2013. In 2015, he led the humanitarian mission after the earthquake in Nepal and, in 2016, led a medical mission to bring back wounded Israeli citizens who were injured in Istanbul, Turkey.

Dr. Bader holds an MD and MHA from Ben Gurion University and an MA from Haifa University.

Jefferson College of Life Sciences

Doctor of Philosophy in Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology

Samantha Zimmer Brown Chadds Ford, PA
Thesis Title: "Beyond Transcription: Studying Human Antigen R (HuR/ELAVL1) and its Role in Post-Transcriptionally Regulating the Pancreatic Cancer-Driver, Yes-associated Protein 1 (YAP1)"
Advisor: Jonathan Brody, PhD

Mai Q. Nguyen Philadelphia, PA
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Advisor: Andrew Aplin, PhD

Sheera Rachel Rosenbaum Newtown, PA
Thesis Title: "The Role of Lineage-Specific Transcription Factors in Regulating Anti-Tumor Immune Responses in Melanoma"
Advisor: Andrew Aplin, PhD

Doctor of Philosophy in Immunology and Microbial Pathogenesis

Christine Rettew Fisher Philadelphia, PA
Thesis Title: "Development and Characterization of a Broadly Protective Lyssavirus Vaccine"
Advisor: Matthias Schnell, PhD

Colby Jay Stotesbury Horsham, PA
Thesis Title: "Defects of the Innate Immune System Contribute to Age-related Susceptibility to Mousepox"
Advisor: Luis Sigal, PhD

Doctor of Philosophy in Genetics, Genomics and Cancer Biology

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Thesis Title: "Targeting Poly (ADP) Ribose Glycohydrolase as a Combinatorial Strategy to Enhance DNA Damage in Gastrointestinal Cancers"
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Doctor of Philosophy in Neuroscience

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* Rogan Gareth MageePhiladelphia, PA
Thesis Title: "Addressing Computational and Experimental Questions on tRNA-Derived Fragments (tRFs) to Define New Roles in Cell Behavior and Human Diseases"
Advisor: Isidore Rigoutsos, PhD

* Sean James O'SullivanWest Chester, PA
Thesis Title: "The Effect of Alcohol and Opioid Withdrawal on Single-Cell Glia and Neuronal Gene Expression in the Visceral Emotional Neuraxis"
Advisor: James Schwaber, PhD

* Benjamin Hubert Yang Richmond Hill, NY
Thesis Title: "Investigation of Molecular Mechanisms Mediating MAP7 Function in Axon Branching"
Advisor: Le Ma, PhD

Doctor of Philosophy in Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine

* Deborah Jean GorthPhiladelphia, PA
Thesis Title: "The Role of TNF α and IL-1 β in Intervertebral Disc Disease and Health"
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Doctor of Philosophy in Medical Sciences

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Awards and Prizes

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Faculty Awards

Thomas J. Nasca, M.D. Award for Distinguished Teaching and Dedication to Student Medical Education sponsored by the SKMC Dean's Office.

Peter Ronner, Ph.D.

*Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University*

Blockley-Osler/Dean's Teaching Award for Excellence in Teaching. Given to a faculty member of an affiliated hospital.

John P. Horne, M.D.

*Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine
Latrobe Area Hospital*

The Leon A. Peris Memorial Award. Given to a member of the volunteer faculty for excellence in clinical teaching and superior patient care.

David Roby, M.D.

*Clinical Associate Professor of Neurology
Einstein Healthcare Network*

The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award presented by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation. Given to an outstanding faculty member demonstrating exemplary compassion in doctor/patient relations.

Robert J. Motley, M.D.

*The Ellen M. and Dale W. Garber Professor of Family Medicine
Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University*

Awards to Graduating Students

The E. Harold Hinman Memorial Prize, for extraordinary interest and accomplishment in family medicine. Sponsored by family and friends in memory of E. Harold Hinman, Ph.D., M.D., M.P.H., Professor Emeritus of Preventive Medicine.

Caitlin Weiss (honorable mention: **Emily Romano**)

Dolores Shupp Byrne, PhD Senior Urology Award to a student at Thomas Jefferson University who has been recognized by the staff of Urology, for accomplishing in their four years of medical education clinical and/or basic science research which has added positively to our understanding and treatment of urologic disorders.

Emily Bochner

The Endowed Carroll R. Mullen, MD '26 Memorial Prize in Ophthalmology. To the senior who has displayed outstanding aptitude and excellence in ophthalmology.

Eileen Mayro (honorable mention: **Devayu Parikh**)

The Sarah G. Miller Obstetrics and Gynecology Prize. To a senior who has demonstrated excellence in obstetrics and gynecology during the entire curriculum. Sponsored by Mrs. Sarah George Miller in memory of John B. Montgomery, M.D., Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics.

Dante Varotsis

The Baldwin L. Keyes Prize in Psychiatry. Given by Mr. Joseph H. Levit in memory of his wife Mae K. Levit, in honor of Baldwin L. Keyes, M.D., Sc.D., Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry.

Samuel Fels

The Leopold Z. Goldstein, M.D. Memorial Prize in Obstetrics and Gynecology. To the student with the highest average in obstetrics and gynecology. In memory of Leopold Z. Goldstein, M.D. sponsored by his daughters.

Kathryn Anderson (honorable mention: **Rei Yamada**)

The Norman F. Sokoloff, M.D. Award, for excellence in clinical and diagnostic skills. Sponsored by family and friends in memory of Norman F. Sokoloff, M.D., a proud graduate of Jefferson's Class of 1969.

Kathryn Anderson

The Burton L. Wellenbach, M.D. – JMC Class of 1944 Award for Excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology and Medical Ethics. Awarded to the graduating senior who demonstrates excellence in obstetrics and gynecology and medical ethics as exemplified by Dr. Burton L. Wellenbach's 50 years of practice and dedication to the Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University and medicine.

Catherin Sham

The Philip J. Hodes Prize in Radiology. To the fourth-year medical student displaying outstanding aptitude and interest in radiology.

Madison Taormina

The William C. Davis, Class of 1977 Prize in Emergency Medicine is awarded to a senior who will pursue a career in emergency medicine. Sponsored by Mrs. Charlotte Davis in memory of her son, William C. Davis, M.D., an alumnus of Jefferson Medical College.

Nathaniel Zahustecher (honorable mention: **Marissa Ruggiero**)

The Joseph F. Rodgers, M.D. Memorial Award. Given to a fourth-year medical student who has exhibited excellence in the discipline of internal medicine, especially diagnostic skills and a devotion to their patients.

Michael Velez (honorable mention: **Yousif Hanna**)

The Arnold R. Weitz Memorial Prize in Hematology. Awarded to a senior medical student for outstanding aptitude and interest in hematology. Sponsored by family and friends in memory of Arnold R. Weitz, M.D.

Neel Nabar (honorable mention: **Lydia Glick**)

The William F. Kellow Prize. To the student who most closely exemplifies the attributes of the ideal physician. Sponsored by family and friends in memory of William F. Kellow, M.D., Dean and Vice President of Jefferson Medical College from 1967 to 1981.

Lars Anderson (honorable mention: **Emily Bochner**)

The Francis Torrens Stewart, M.D. Clinical Surgery Prize, for general excellence in clinical surgery. In memory of Francis Torrens Stewart, M.D., Professor of Clinical Surgery, 1910 – 1920.

George Titomihelakis (honorable mention: **Matthew Weber**)

The Philip P. Ripepi, M.D. Prize in General Surgery is awarded to a senior medical student pursuing a career in general surgery, who is deemed most worthy by the Medical College surgical faculty. It is named for Philip P. Ripepi, M.D., esteemed educator, surgical innovator, nationally recognized oncology surgeon, and former Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Samantha Savitch (honorable mention: **Emily Papai**)

The Edward J. Moore Memorial Prize in Pediatrics. To the student demonstrating the greatest aptitude in pediatrics. In memory of Edward J. Moore, M.D.

Britany Charsar (honorable mention: **Katherine Kucharczyk**)

The S. MacCuen Smith Memorial Prize in Otolaryngology. To the most able senior in the field of otology. Sponsored by Mrs. Stuart Lodge Bullivant in memory of her father.

Eric Mastrodonato

The Arthur Krieger Memorial Prize in Family Medicine, for excellence in family medicine. Sponsored by family and friends in memory of Arthur Krieger, M.D.

Ashley Katzenstein (honorable mention: **Jeremiah Davis**)

The Arthur Krieger Memorial Prize in Neurology, for excellence in neurology. Sponsored by family and friends in memory of Arthur Krieger, M.D.

David Klodowski (honorable mention: **Jade Park**)

The Hubert Spencer Sear, M.D. Memorial Award. Awarded to an outstanding fourth-year student in radiology. Sponsored by family and friends in memory of Hubert Spencer Sear, M.D., Class of 1950.

Kyle Itri (honorable mention: **Joy Li**)

The Alexander and Lottie Katzman Award in Gastroenterology. Awarded to the most proficient student in gastroenterology as judged by the faculty. Sponsored by Joseph Medoff, M.D., and Mrs. Medoff in memory of Mrs. Medoff's parents.

Alexandra Leto

The Philip and Bella Medoff Memorial Prize, for excellence in internal medicine and outstanding contributions to the Hobart Amory Hare Medical Honor Society. Given to a senior who is a member of the Society and who is recommended by the Magee Professor of Medicine and the faculty advisor of the Society. Sponsored by Joseph Medoff, M.D., Mrs. Medoff, and children.

Mary Ferranti (honorable mention: **Eric Warner**)

The William T. and Madeline Lemmon Memorial Prize in Anesthesiology, for clinical work or writing in the field of anesthesiology. Awarded from an endowment established by family members in memory of William T. Lemmon, Sr., M.D.

Dylan Bard (honorable mention: **Ji-Hui (Gavyn) Ooi**)

The Annie Simpson General Medicine Prize. Awarded to the medical student who received the best average in general medicine.

Aislinn Crank (honorable mention: **Mary White**)

The Annie Simpson Pulmonary Medicine Prize. Awarded to the medical student who received the best general average in pulmonary medicine.

Joseph Menand (honorable mention: **Aaron Miller**)

The William Potter Memorial Prize in Clinical Medicine. Awarded to the graduating student with the best performance in clinical medicine, from a bequest of Mrs. Adaline Potter Wear.

Kathryn Anderson, Zachary Herman, and Eric Mastrodonardo

The Hyman Menduke Research Prize is awarded to the graduating senior who, as determined by the Committee on Research of the faculty, has demonstrated excellence in research while a student at the Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University. Sponsored by Michael LeWitt, M.D., Class of 1974.

Michael Gutman and Eileen Mayro for the MD program and

Neel Nabar for the MD/PhD program

The Drs. Donald R. and Henry Pohl Prize for Professionalism is awarded to the senior medical student who exemplifies the ideals of professionalism.

Ashley Katzenstein (honorable mention: **Yash Varma**)

The Dean's Student Service Award is awarded to the fourth-year student who has given generously of time and talents for the service of classmates and Sidney Kimmel Medical College as selected by the Dean.

Mary White (honorable mention: **Taylor Paskey**)

The Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children Prize. Awarded to the student whose performance best demonstrates the qualities of academic and clinical excellence, human compassion, and a commitment to the welfare of others as was exemplified by the life and trust of Alfred I. duPont.

Alexandra Emes

The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation is given to an outstanding student demonstrating exemplary compassion in doctor/patient relations.

Alyssa Tate

The Frans J. Vossenbergh, M.D., Memorial Prize in Internal Medicine is awarded to a graduating senior member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society who has chosen to pursue a career in the field of Internal Medicine and has demonstrated excellence in diagnostic skills and patient compassion as exemplified by the life of Frans J. Vossenbergh, M.D. Class of 1950.

Rogan Magee

The J. Woodrow Savacool, M.D., Prize in Medical Ethics is awarded to the senior medical student who embodies the ideal of the physician's caring commitment to moral and ethical values in medicine. Sponsored by a committee of friends and colleagues in memory of J. Woodrow Savacool, M.D., an alumnus and Honorary Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Jefferson Medical College.

Amanda Walker (honorable mention: **George Titomihelakis**)

The Philip J. Wolfson, M.D., Memorial Prize for Leadership is awarded to the senior who has served as a role model for effective leadership and professional behavior through the four years of medical school. Sponsored by the family, colleagues, and friends of Philip J. Wolfson, M.D.

Alexandra Leto (honorable mention: **Emily Stroobant**)

The Irving J. Olshin, M.D., Memorial Prize in Pediatrics is awarded to the graduating senior who best combines scholarship, integrity, and an engagement in human character and ethics with their study of medicine, as exemplified by Dr. Irving J. Olshin's forty-five years of practice and dedication to Jefferson Medical College and the Department of Pediatrics.

Michelle Konkoly

The Jennifer Reed Bakker, M.D., Class of 2001 Memorial Prize is awarded to the graduating senior who best displays compassion for the sick, a true sense of humanity, and meticulous regard for human dignity.

Lianna Drobotz (honorable mention: **Jessica Kraus-Levy**)

The Catherine Liu, M.D. Memorial Prize in Obstetrics and Gynecology is awarded to a fourth-year medical student who plans to pursue a career in Ob/Gyn. This student should demonstrate academic excellence and a commitment to women's health.

Rachel Madding

The Maria Werner-Wasik, M.D. Award for Excellence in Radiation Oncology is awarded to a fourth-year medical student who chose to participate in the third-year selective rotation and who demonstrated the necessary qualities to develop as a leader in academic radiation oncology.

Ellen Ryu

The Dr. Thomas D. Griffin and Patricia C. Griffin Award in Dermatology is in honor of Dr. Jouni Uitto, Chairman of the Department of Dermatology, and is given to a graduating senior showing outstanding motivation and interest in the care of the skin.

Megan O'Donnel

The Gerald A. Isenberg, M.D. Award. To the graduating student who has made the most innovative contributions to medical education. Sponsored by friends and colleagues of Gerald A. Isenberg, M.D., who devoted his career to the advancement of medical education at Jefferson.

Alexandra Leto (honorable mention: **Robert Ries**)

The University Mace

Originally a medieval weapon, the mace evolved from a short staff weighted with metal (used for breaking armor) into a bejeweled and sculptural relic. It fell into disuse by the 16th century as firearms made protective armor and some hand-to-hand combat weapons obsolete. In one of the earliest ceremonial uses of the mace, it was carried by the royal bodyguard before the French king in the 1200s. Examples of the mace as a symbol of authority in modern government include its use in the British House of Commons where the ceremonial mace has a presence on the Treasury table and in the U.S. House of Representatives, where it is placed on a pedestal to the right of the Speaker's podium when the House is convened.

Universities also used the ceremonial mace, borne by the chief marshal, during academic processions. The Thomas Jefferson University Mace, carried for the first time in the 1986 commencement ceremonies by Grand Marshal Robert Mandle, PhD, was designed and cast by Howard Serlick, member of the Guild of Mastercraftsmen, Winterthur Scholar and Chief Conservator (Gilding) of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. It was crafted by silversmith Eugene Zweigle and woodturner Michael Copeland

The four-foot-long, 14-pound mace is made of ebony highlighted with lapis lazuli to reflect Jefferson's colors (black and blue). It features a miniature of Henry Mitchell's sculpture, the "Winged Ox of Saint Luke," symbol of Saint Luke the Physician, the original of which stands on campus beside the Scott Building on Walnut Street. The miniature was cast in silver by Zweigle.

Mitchell's original statue of the "Winged Ox," adopted by the University in 1976 as its symbol of clinical excellence, is mounted on a column containing the names of 50 medical scientists who have most advanced the art of healing. It also reflects the historical evolution of Thomas Jefferson University from its beginnings as Jefferson Medical College in 1824 to its current. The mace, a grand emblem of the University's heritage, is carried at the head of all formal academic processions.

The Presidential Medallion of Thomas Jefferson University

The President's Medallion was created in 2009 during the tenure of Robert L. Barchi, MD, PhD, the fourth President of Thomas Jefferson University. It replaced the previous, well-worn President's Medallion made in 1977, which had depicted four old corporate seals used in various eras of the institution's history.

The current medallion was designed and crafted by Tiffany & Company, New York. It consists of a sterling silver medallion suspended from a heavy, silver double-link chain. The medallion's obverse depicts the University seal; a bas-relief profile of Thomas Jefferson and the surround reads, "THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY - 1824," the year the institution was founded. The reverse is engraved with the names of the four University Presidents

Silver is a metal long-associated with medicine and is recognized to have anti-bacterial properties. Hippocrates (ca. 300 BCE) acknowledged the healing powers of silver and the ancients used silver bottles to keep water or wine from spoiling. The expression "born with a silver spoon in your mouth" comes from the Middle Ages; when the wealthy gave their children silver spoons to suck on to prevent disease. Like many academic traditions, the display of a heavy "chain of office" comes down to us from medieval regalia and represents the weight of responsibility for the wearer. The chain itself connotes strength in unity, as well as strong communication.

The Presidential Medallion is worn by the President at all convocations of the University.

The Jefferson Processional

The Jefferson Processional was commissioned by the Alumni Association of Jefferson Medical College, now named Sidney Kimmel Medical College and played for the first time on November 15, 1974, at the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University. This piece was presented to Thomas Jefferson University by the President of the Alumni Association, John J. Gartland, MD. It was composed by Burle Marx.

Academic Regalia

The attire worn at academic ceremonies evolved from the dress worn by clergy in the 12th and 13th centuries. Throughout the years, European universities have continued to show great diversity in their academic dress. American universities, when they decided to adopt academic dress in 1895, immediately established a code of regulations that today is followed by practically all American institutions.

The code provides for three types of gowns. Those worn by the bachelors are made of black worsted material and have long, pointed sleeves. Masters may wear either black silk or black woolen gowns, made with a long, closed sleeve with an arc of a circle appearing near the bottom, and a slit for the arm. The doctors' gowns are black material, typically silk, with a full, round, open sleeve. They are faced with velvet and have three bars of velvet or chevrons, on each sleeve. The color of the velvet trim may be black or the same color as the velvet, indicative of the discipline, which edges the hood.

The black Oxford or mortarboard-style cap is worn for all degrees, but only the doctor's cap may be made of velvet and only doctors or presidents of institutions may wear a gold tassel on the cap. The tassel fastened to the center of the cap is normally worn in the left-front quadrant of the cap and is made of black thread.

It is the hood, however, that is the most important and distinctive feature of the American Code. The system established by the Intercollegiate Commission enables anyone attending an academic function in this country to distinguish at a glance the bachelors, masters and doctors, and, at the same time, recognize the university that has given the degree.

The doctor's hood, of black cloth matching the gown, is four feet in length and made with a wide panel. The master's and bachelor's hoods are three-and-one-half feet and three feet in length, respectively. They are made of black cloth matching the gowns and follow the Oxford shape. The hoods for all the degrees are lined with silk in the official academic color or colors of the institution conferring the degree.

The binding or trim of all the hoods is of velvet or velveteen, two inches, three inches and five inches wide for the bachelor's, master's and doctor's degrees, respectively. The color of this velvet trim indicates the department or faculty to which the degree pertains, each department having been assigned a different color by the Intercollegiate Code

DESCRIPTION OF ACADEMIC DRESS

The colors associated with many of the academic disciplines are:

Violet	<i>Architecture</i>	Slate Blue	<i>Doctor of Occupational Therapy</i>
White	<i>Arts and Letters</i>	Maize	<i>Bachelor of Science</i>
Tan or Drab	<i>Business</i>	Maize	<i>Bachelor of Science</i>
Light Blue	<i>Education</i>	Olive	<i>Pharmacy</i>
Teal	<i>Family Therapy</i>	Dark Blue	<i>Philosophy</i>
Green	<i>Medicine</i>	Teal	<i>Physical Therapy</i>
Plum	<i>Midwifery</i>	Salmon	<i>Public Health</i>
Apricot	<i>Nursing</i>		

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