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STUDENT HONORS RECOGNITION

DELTA OMEGA PUBLIC HEALTH HONORARY SOCIETY BETA OMICRON CHAPTER

Venu Gopal Bangla

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AWARD RECIPIENTS

(In program order)

Health Care Leadership Outstanding Capstone Award

Ashley Fitch

Jameela J. Yusuff

Excellence In Health Care Leadership Award

Joshua N. Shatzkes

Health Care Leadership Outstanding Mission Contribution Award

Alanur Inal Veith

Outstanding Public Health Culminating Experience Award

Vibhor Mahajan

Anne Impellizeri Hahn

Sofia Viviana Bengoa

Excellence In Public Health Practice Award

Stacey Heather Pinto

Excellence In Public Health Leadership And Service Award

Acacia Lynn Smash

Gavriella L.Y. Hecht

Master Of Science In Biomedical Science Award For Scientific Excellence

Esther Cheng

Ashley M. Cunningham

Master Of Science In Biomedical Science Award For Academic Excellence

Erik L. Katcher

Moki T. Hein

Olivia S. Allen

Master Of Science In Biomedical Science Award For Excellence In Leadership And Service

Isaac Faith

Excellence In Leadership And Service Award In The Clinical Research Education Program

Dhaivat Janakbhai Shah

Outstanding Thesis Award In The Master Of Science In Clinical Research

Nicholas J. Grimaldi

Genetic Counseling Program Award For Student Excellence

Christina LaMaire

Genetic Counseling Program Leadership And Service Award

Amy Dagelman Woroch

AWARD RECIPIENTS
(alphabetically)

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

Olivia S. Allen

Olivia came to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai from Princeton University, where she graduated cum laude in Classics. She entered the MSBS program in 2018.

At Mount Sinai, Olivia performed research in the Department of Hematology/Oncology, focusing on prognostic understanding in hospitalized acute leukemia and multiple myeloma patients. She was Co-President of Meds Visit Peds (MVP), through which students volunteer in the Child Life Department of Kravis Children's Hospital; Co-President of Chemo Companions, a group that provides support to oncology patients undergoing outpatient chemotherapy; and a proud MSBS Peer Mentor.

Olivia would like to express gratitude to her family, friends, and mentors at Mount Sinai who encouraged and challenged her over the past two years. After graduating from the MSBS program, Olivia hopes to continue working in oncology research before attending medical school.

**OUTSTANDING CULMINATING EXPERIENCE AWARD:
MANUSCRIPT**

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Sofia Viviana Bengoa

Sofia came to the Graduate Program in Public Health from Brown University, where she majored in Community Health. While in the Graduate Program, Sofia has continued to work as a Project Coordinator in the Department of Environmental Medicine and Public Health at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.

In addition to being a student and an employee, Sofia has volunteered in the Mount Sinai Human Rights Program as part of the Asylum Seekers Advocacy Project translator team. She has also served as a high school tutor at the Adolescent Health Center. Her culminating experience for which she wins this award investigated factors of the built environment in East Harlem and their influence on adolescent emotional well-being.

Sofia would like to thank her family and friends, as well as Maida Galvez, Susan Teitelbaum, and Mary Wolff, who mentored her during her time at Sinai and throughout this project.

Sofia will graduate with her MPH degree in September and plans on applying to doctoral programs to continue her public health education.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE AWARD FOR SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

Esther Cheng

Esther joined the MSBS program after graduating from New York University, where she studied Molecular Biology. Before Icahn, Esther was actively involved in her acapella group along with clinical and research volunteering organizations around the city. Esther entered the MSBS program in the summer of 2018, under the mentorship of Dr. Kristen Brennand in the departments of Neuroscience and Genetics and Genomics.

While in MSBS, Esther co-author two papers published in Nature Genetics and one paper being reviewed in Cells. She also worked as a part-time technician for Dr. Alexander Charney, managing all the components of large multi-center genetics projects, performing patient assessments and collecting patient specimens. During the spread of COVID-19 in NYC, Esther became one of the central organizing leaders for a team of over 50 people that within 1 month sampled over 600 COVID-19 patients under incredibly adverse conditions. As a team, they have built a rich and valuable resource for studying the host response to COVID-19.

Esther would like to thank her mentors, Dr. Kristen Brennand and Dr. Alexander Charney, who have allowed her to grow immensely as a student and scientist. She would also like to thank her family and friends for their support and encouragement throughout her experience in the MSBS program. Esther will graduate the MSBS program and begin working as a lab manager and apply for MD/PhD programs to enter in 2022.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE AWARD FOR SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

Ashley M. Cunningham

Ashley Cunningham received her BA in Neuroscience from Columbia University in 2016.

Before attending Icahn, Ashley worked as a research technician at the University of Colorado Boulder in the Donaldson lab.

While working toward her Master's in Biomedical Science at ISMMS, Ashley has been involved in a variety of community service initiatives including EHHOP, the ISMMS student run free clinic as a care team case manager. She also volunteered for Meds Visit Peds, Mount Sinai's neuroscience outreach program "MiNDS" (Mentoring in Neuroscience Discovery at Sinai), is a member of the mistreatment committee, and an active member of the MSBS outreach initiative.

In addition to Ashley's community engagement, she has excelled in research with a first author review paper in the European Journal of Neuroscience, as well as co-authorship on papers published in Frontiers in Behavioral Neuroscience, and a preprint on Biorxiv. Her thesis work in Dr. Eric Nestler's lab has focused on the paternal intergenerational transmission of stress phenotypes. In this, Ashley has discovered a potential implication for long noncoding RNAs in mediating the paternal transmission of stress.

Ashley would like to thank her friends, family, and many of the faculty members at Sinai who have helped her get to this point. After graduating with her Masters in Biomedical Science, Ashley will pursue her PhD in Neuroscience at ISMMS and hopes to continue to study the factors that contribute to risk for depression and anxiety related disorders.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

Isaac Faith

Isaac is passionate about act of service. His great passions revolve around leveraging innovative solutions to solve complex problems and advancing the field of health technology. Since joining Mount Sinai as an MSBS student, Isaac has continued to make waves. In his first year, Isaac was elected as Class Representative. In this role, he advocated for his peers and spearhead the creation of a housing platform for Masters Students. In his next year, Isaac was elected President of Student Council – the first Master’s ever to fill this role. During his term as President, Isaac has had to tackle several very tough issues. He also led the creation of a mistreatment platform and served as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees Committee, a position in which he served as the liaison between students and members of the Board of Trustees. While in this role, he helped develop the Medical and Graduate School Student Council Comprehensive Evaluations and compiled a final report. Amidst all of this, Isaac has co-founded the Diversity Innovation Hub, a Mount Sinai venture that aims to initiate, accelerate, and launch innovative solutions to address social determinants of health that perpetuate disparities in health and health care.

HEALTH CARE LEADERSHIP OUTSTANDING CAPSTONE AWARD

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH CARE DELIVERY LEADERSHIP

Ashley Fitch

Ashley Fitch is the Director of Community Partnerships and Innovation at Mount Sinai Health Partners (MSHP). In this role she is responsible for developing innovative, community-based programs and partnerships that improve patient outcomes by solving problems related to social determinants of health.

Prior to her current role Ashley served as the Associate Director of DSRIP Implementation and Care Standardization at MSHP. In that role she worked to enhance the value and quality of care for vulnerable populations by implementing strategic initiatives in high-volume Medicaid practices. Prior to joining Mount Sinai Ashley worked with policy makers to secure Department of Defense appropriations and Farm Bill funding to address food insecurity through produce prescriptions and SNAP incentives.

Ashley holds a B.A. in English Literature from Kenyon College and a M.A. in Food Systems from NYU.

Ashley would like to thank her family, friends, fellow cohort members, MSHP colleagues, and Icahn faculty for their support and inspiration.

Ashley will graduate with a MS in Health Care Delivery Leadership and continue her work at Mount Sinai Health Partners.

OUTSTANDING THESIS AWARD IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL RESEARCH

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL RESEARCH

Nicholas J. Grimaldi

Nicholas joined the Masters of Science in Clinical Research Program in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Icahn in the fall of 2018, having graduated from Baylor University, where he majored in Biology and was a member of the Honors College. Nicholas' stellar academic performance, his innate curiosity, his sunny disposition, innate critical thinking acumen and his understated and respectful manner have re-enforced our initial impression that he was a star in the making.

While at Icahn, Nicholas volunteered at Broome Street Academy, a charter high school located in SoHo, tutoring students in the sciences and has been a member of the Charles Mobbs laboratory in the Department of Neuroscience.

Nicholas would like to thank his parents, his mentor Charles Mobbs, and the faculty of the Clinical Research Program for their instruction and support.

Nicholas will be applying to medical school over the summer while continuing his research here at Sinai.

OUTSTANDING CULMINATING EXPERIENCE AWARD: MANUSCRIPT

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Anne Impellizeri Hahn

Anne joined the Graduate Program in Public Health in Fall 2018. Prior to attending Mount Sinai, Anne worked as a Clinical Research Associate in a hepatic insulin resistance lab at Yale School of Medicine for nearly seven years.

While at Mount Sinai, Anne completed her Applied Practicum Experience at the World Trade Center Health Program, where she examined the prevalence of auto-immune disorders among a cohort of September 11th first responders. Shortly after completing her internship, Anne began working on her Culminating Experience under the exemplary guidance of Drs. Ruth Loos and Roelof Smit, where she learned novel methodologies in the field of genetic epidemiology.

Anne would like to thank her parents, friends, and husband for their unwavering support during her graduate school career. Anne would also like to thank many of the faculty members at Mount Sinai, especially Dr. Stephanie Factor, for all their guidance in the classroom and beyond.

Anne will graduate with her MPH in Epidemiology in June 2020. She is currently employed at Memorial Sloan Kettering as a Project Coordinator in the Epidemiology Biostatistics Department, where she is a part of a research team examining microsimulation models of colorectal cancer.

EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Gavriella L.Y. Hecht

Gavi came to the Graduate Program in Public Health at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai from Binghamton University, where she majored in Biochemistry. Before attending Icahn, Gavi worked for a year in an ophthalmology clinic on Long Island.

While at Icahn, Gavi served on the board of oSTEM at Mount Sinai, a chapter of a national student society dedicated to increasing participation of LGBT communities in STEM fields. In this role she helped organize social, professional, and charity events at Mount Sinai. Gavi has worked as a research assistant on an HIV study in the Division of Infectious Diseases at Mount Sinai. She was a teaching assistant for the Introductory courses on Epidemiology and Environmental Health in the MPH program. She presented research on opioids and HIV at the APHA conference in 2019.

Gavi would like to sincerely thank her family for their love and encouragement. She would also like to thank her peers and advisors at Sinai who have tremendously supported her throughout her time here.

Gavi will graduate with her MPH in Epidemiology and continue her training as a CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellow at the Arizona Department of Health in Phoenix focusing on infectious disease in August.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE AWARD
FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

Moki T. Hein

Moki matriculated into the MSBS program at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai after graduating from Syracuse University where she majored in Chemistry.

While at Icahn, Moki joined Daniel Wacker's lab in the Department of Pharmacology. Her project consisted of expressing and purifying human nucleotide sugar transporters for structural studies using X-ray crystallography. While at Mount Sinai, Moki was a member of the MedDOCs team, which provides students from NYC public high school with science education and exposure to medical and science professions. She also volunteered with EHHOP as a nutritional Corp member. Moki has maintained academic excellence throughout her tenure in the MSBS program.

Moki will be attending medical school at Florida International University in Fall 2020.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

Erik L. Katcher

Erik came to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai from Vanderbilt University, where he majored in Economics. While in college, Erik worked as a research intern in the Xiu-Min Li lab in the department of immunology at Mount Sinai using Chinese medicinal herbs to develop allergy therapies. After graduating, Erik worked as a proprietary equity trader at Trillium Management with a focus on biotechnology stocks. In the Spring of 2018, Erik returned to Dr. Li's lab as a business development associate to continue his research and help the lab spin out a biotechnology company.

In the fall of 2018, Erik entered the MSBS Program in the hopes of expanding his knowledge base and developing into a better scientist. While in MSBS, Erik joined the lab of Daniel Wacker in the department of Pharmacology where he succeeded in thermostabilizing the mu-opioid receptor bound to clinically relevant ligands.

Erik also participated in the East Harlem Health Outreach Partnership, the ISMMS student-run free clinic, as a patient ambassador, and attended neurosurgery rounds and grand rounds with Dr. Christopher Kellner. During the summer of 2019, Erik joined the residency program of AdventHealth Orlando for a mission trip to Lima, Peru, where he assisted in colon cancer screening.

Erik is a recipient of this award because of his excellent performance in the academic arena. Beginning this summer, Erik will enter medical school at the Sackler School of Medicine at Tel Aviv University, in the Fall.

GENETIC COUNSELING PROGRAM AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GENETIC COUNSELING

Christina LaMaire

Christina LaMaire came to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai from North Carolina State University, where she majored in Genetics and minored in Psychology. During this time she was a sexual assault and domestic violence crisis line counselor at InterAct, and a psychology research assistant with the Family, Affect, Beliefs, and Behaviors (FABB) Laboratory. Before entering the Icahn School of Medicine Genetic Counseling program in 2018, Christina was a genetic counseling intern at Baylor College of Medicine,

Christina excelled in a rigorous academic program. She displayed a gentle calm even under the most challenging of circumstance. Her demeanor, empathy and keen intellect allowed her to develop exceptional insights and compassion in working with patients while advancing her genetic counseling skills. Christina was co-leader of Prenatal Partners and co-leader of the Genetic Counseling Book Club. She was also a volunteer with The Doula Project and COVID Student Workforce and published her first article in The Journal of Genetic Counseling. Christina completed a thesis entitled “Perceptions of Psychiatric Pharmacogenetic Clinical Trials Among Patients with Depression and Psychiatrists.” This actually was presented to Christina as two independent studies for her to choose from but of course, Christina choose to do both.

Christina will graduate with her Master’s in Genetic Counseling and plans to work in either cancer or reproductive genetic counseling. Christina would like to thank her classmates, mother, and sisters for their continued support, her thesis advisors Hetanshi Naik and Stuart Scott for their humor and encouragement, and her genetic counseling supervisors for their valuable guidance throughout her training.

OUTSTANDING CULMINATING EXPERIENCE AWARD: CAPSTONE

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Vibhor Mahajan

Vibhor earned his MS degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering from San Jose State University, with an emphasis on Healthcare and Service Systems Engineering. He is a certified Six Sigma Green Belt industrial engineer, a public health researcher, and a data science enthusiast, who has worked on quality related programs in various industrial settings.

During his time at Icahn, he worked intensively in the area of behavioral health, exemplified by his involvement in research that defined the clinical profiles of emergency department patients with substance use disorder(s). He was nominated by the ISMMS chapter of the Delta Omega Honorary Society to submit this work to a national research poster competition. Following that research experience, Vibhor decided to embark on the culminating experience project for which he is being honored today, titled, “Machine Learning Based Application to Provide Precise and Personalized Care for Individuals Living with Substance Use Disorder(s)”.

Vibhor would like to thank his parents, sister, grandparents, and friends; for their unwavering support during his academic journey. He would also like to thank the graduate program in public health and his mentors, for always believing in him and pushing him to perform his best.

He will graduate with the MPH degree and start his next journey, pursuing a PhD in Clinical Research at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, still working in the area of behavioral health.

EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE AWARD

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Stacey Heather Pinto

Stacey came to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai from the State University of New York at Oneonta, where she majored in Sociology. She entered the MPH program in 2018.

While at Icahn, Stacey was a PeerConnect Mentor for incoming public health students, a Teaching Assistant for the Introduction to Socio-Behavioral Health course, as well as represented the Graduate Program in Public Health this past fall at the Student Leadership Institute for the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health. Outside of Icahn, Stacey was an Injury Prevention Intern at Stony Brook University Hospital, where she has focused on falls prevention research for older adults and injury prevention community outreach.

Stacey would like to thank her family, friends, faculty members at Sinai, and mentors both inside and outside of Sinai who have made her public health education and experience incredibly rewarding and memorable thus far.

Stacey will graduate with her MPH degree and continue her falls prevention research while seeking new opportunities to further her public health career.

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD IN THE CLINICAL RESEARCH EDUCATION PROGRAM

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL RESEARCH

Dhaivat Janakbhai Shah

Dhaivat joined the Clinical Research Education Program to pursue a Master's of Science in Clinical Research, after having received his medical degree from the Government Medical College, in Surat, India. Prior to arriving at ISMMS, Dhaivat worked as a Medical Officer at the New Civil Hospital Surat, India, during which time he developed significant interest in the field of neurology.

Since joining our Clinical Research Education Program, Dhaivat has been both a stellar and inspired student scholar as well as a gracious and understated role model. His kind, and generous manner and thoughtful intellect have contributed substantially to creating a meaningful, collegial, and caring environment for our Program. During his time in the program, Dhaivat has pursued a number of neurology based research projects, which have resulted in a peer reviewed publication in a high impact journal, two poster presentations at the 144th Annual Meeting of the American Neurological Association (ANA), 2 abstracts and a merit based travel award. He has also had the opportunity to work as a teaching assistant for courses on Interventional Clinical Trials and Meta-analysis.

Dhaivat would like to thank his family, friends, faculty members, and his mentors at Mount Sinai who have constantly helped him and made his graduate education thus far an enriching experience.

After graduation, Dhaivat plans to continue to pursue his research work and aspires to successfully secure residency training in the field of Neurology in the United States.

EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH CARE LEADERSHIP AWARD

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH CARE DELIVERY LEADERSHIP

Joshua N. Shatzkes, MD

Joshua Shatzkes, MD, is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and Cardiology at Mount Sinai Hospital. In 2018 he entered the Master of Science in Healthcare Delivery Leadership program for which he was awarded the Mount Sinai Doctors Faculty Practice Executive Scholarship.

Joshua received his MD in 2003 at the combined BA-MD program at CUNY Brooklyn College and SUNY Downstate Medical School. Joshua completed his Residency in Internal Medicine at Yale in 2006 and his Fellowship in Cardiovascular Medicine at Mount Sinai in 2009. He then joined the Mount Sinai faculty and has practiced cardiovascular medicine for the past 11 years with a focus on disease prevention and noninvasive imaging.

While receiving his Masters education at the Icahn School of Medicine, Joshua took a particular interest in population health and process improvement. He incorporated many of the lessons that he learned into his clinical practice and has also begun to take on a larger leadership role at Mount Sinai. Joshua has joined multiple hospital committees and is also currently leading projects in both telehealth and community outreach.

Joshua would like to express his appreciation to his classmates and all of the program faculty for a challenging and rewarding educational experience, with particular gratitude to Dr. Brian Nickerson, Mr. Arthur Gianelli, Mr. Niyum Gandhi and Dr. Robert Fields for their professional guidance and mentorship. Joshua would also like to acknowledge Dr. Valentin Fuster, Dr. Samin Sharma and the Mount Sinai Department of Cardiology for their encouragement as he pursued this degree. Joshua would also like to thank his wife Nadine who has been his devoted champion since medical school, and his three children Simone, Sophia and Jonah, as well as his family and friends for all their love and support.

Joshua will graduate with his MS degree and looks forward to growing his role as a physician leader at Mount Sinai.

EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Acacia Lynn Smash

Acacia came to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai from Binghamton University, where she majored in African Studies and the Pre-medicine Track.

While at Icahn, Acacia served on the executive board of two ISMMS organizations, the MedStart Enrichment Program and Medical Students for Haiti (MS4H). In 2019, she received the President's Volunteer Service Award for her work with MedStart. Through her participation in an NIH-funded training opportunity in Health Disparities Research at Mount Sinai's Emergency Medicine Department, she assisted in two research projects with her mentor and later produced her first published manuscript. She was also active as a teaching assistant.

Thanks to the ISMMS curriculum, she discovered an interest in environmental health and began an assistantship with an environmental research team at Mount Sinai that aims to improve health outcomes in East Harlem and other underserved communities. For her culminating experience, she combined this passion with training in health disparities research to create an indoor-asthma intervention designed specifically to address the asthma epidemic in the South Bronx.

Acacia would like to thank her family, friends and God for their love and support. She would also like to thank her many mentors for their guidance and dedication to public health/medical education and research.

Acacia will graduate with her MPH degree and plans to continue addressing underserved communities, contributing to health disparities research and will later apply to medical school.

**HEALTH CARE LEADERSHIP
OUTSTANDING MISSION CONTRIBUTION AWARD**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH CARE
DELIVERY LEADERSHIP**

Alanur Inal Veith

Alanur started her studies at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai while she was working full time as the Clinical Administrative Manager at Mount Sinai Heart. She entered the MSHCDL Program in 2018.

While at Icahn, Alanur continued to manage Dr. Valentin Fuster's, the Physician-in-Chief of the Mount Sinai Health System, patient clinic in addition to her role as the Editorial Assistant for Dr. Valentin Fuster, Editor in Chief of the Journal of American College of Cardiology. One of her accomplishments as part of this role is the published JACC Focus Seminar paper/article titled "Cardiovascular Health Promotion, an issue that cannot wait any longer" which she co-authored with Dr. Valentin Fuster and Justine Turco.

Alanur would like to thank her family, friends, and the many faculty members at Mount Sinai who supported and guided her throughout this incredibly rewarding experience.

Alanur will graduate with her Master of Science in Health Care Delivery Leadership degree and will start her new role as the Associate Director of Operations of the Comprehensive Health Program at Mount Sinai Heart.

GENETIC COUNSELING PROGRAM LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GENETIC COUNSELING

Amy Dagelman Woroch

Amy came to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai from Mount Allison University, Canada where she majored in Biochemistry. Before entering the Genetic Counseling program in 2018, Amy worked as a clinical research coordinator at the Hospital for Sick Children and Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto.

While at Icahn, Amy participated in Student Council as both the Masters-at-Large Representative on the Steering Committee and the Genetic Counseling Program Representative. Amy was the co-leader of the Genetic Counseling book club, a director for the elective course Deconstructing Race in Health and Medicine, and a volunteer and graduate school liaison for the COVID student workforce. In addition to her formal volunteer roles, Amy is always the first to give her time and energy to provide her help. As one example, in early March, when our recruitment activities were quickly converted to a virtual format, she and her classmate Mary created a video campus tour in 24 hours to supplement this experience. Amy also worked as a genetic counseling assistant at Sema4 Genetic Testing Laboratories. Her thesis was entitled “Evaluating the Impact of the Return of Medically Actionable Genomic Results in an Ethnically and Racially Diverse Biobank”.

Amy will graduate with her Master’s in Genetic Counseling and looks forward to a career as a clinical genetic counselor. Amy would like to thank her classmates alongside whom it has been a joy and privilege to learn, her family and friends for their endless support, and all the members of the Division of Medical Genetics and Genomics for their guidance and mentorship.

HEALTH CARE LEADERSHIP OUTSTANDING CAPSTONE AWARD

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH CARE DELIVERY LEADERSHIP

Jameela J. Yusuff, MD, MPH, FACP

Dr. Jameela Yusuff, an alumna from the Icahn School of Medicine Class of 2001, came back to her Sinai roots to pursue the Masters in Healthcare Leadership in 2018. Dr. Yusuff, an Associate Professor of Medicine, currently serves as Medical Director for STAR Health Center at SUNY Downstate Medical Center.

After completing both Internal Medicine Residency and Infectious Diseases fellowship at Beth Israel Medical Center, she joined SUNY Downstate Medical Center in 2006 as an Infectious Disease clinician at the STAR Program. While continuing her clinical responsibilities she completed an MPH at SUNY Downstate School of Public Health in 2012. She was named Medical Director in 2012 and began to oversee all clinical operations, and clinical education projects including the HRSA funded SUNY AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC), HRSA AETC funded Internal Medicine and PA Program HIV Residency Tracks, and the Ryan White Part A Care Coordination grant. As an FACP inductee, she completed the UCLA's Healthcare Executive Program in 2017. Dr. Yusuff's research has spanned from multidimensional care for HIV patients to clinical trials resulting in multiple abstracts, presentations and publications in peer reviewed journals. She is also a producer for STAR for Brooklyn, a social media program airing on multiple platforms focusing on healthy behaviors.

Dr. Yusuff will like to acknowledge her mentor Francoise Simon, and Sinai colleagues and faculty for their support. She thanks her parents for instilling in her the value of education, humility and perseverance. Dr. Yusuff has deepest appreciation and admiration for her spouse, Mag Robinson for the unwavering encouragement and inspiration during her academic adventures and lastly, her 5 year old daughter, Jahaan Gabriella, who motivates her to stay creative, innovative and to keep thriving.

Dr. Yusuff will graduate with a Masters in Healthcare Delivery Leadership in 2020. She looks forward to expanding on the skillset she has developed from Mount Sinai and continues to find ways to transform healthcare.

To all Class of 2020:

On behalf of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, we wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Congratulations on all your accomplishments and on completing this momentous milestone.

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