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News Release

NAVY STUDENTS EARN MEDICAL DEGREES, PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT

BETHESDA, Md. – Fifty U.S. Naval officers were among 163 students who graduated May 18 from the Uniformed Services University's F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine, the nation's only federal military medical school.

More than 3,000 graduates, faculty, staff, family and friends gathered in the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., at 11 a.m. for the two-and-a-half-hour ceremony.

The Honorable Everett Alvarez, Jr., chair of USU Board of Regents; and retired Air Force Col. Val G. Hemming, dean of the school of medicine; conferred the medical degrees. Hemming also administered the Hippocratic Oath to the graduates.

Rear Adm. Kathleen L. Martin, commander of the National Naval Medical Center, reaffirmed the Oath of Office to the Navy students, who were promoted to lieutenant upon graduation.

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Award winners for the Class of 2002 are:

Board of Regents Award for the Outstanding Medical Officer Candidate – Lt. Christina Zavari

Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces Award – Lt. Jennifer Driscoll

Association of Military Surgeons of the U.S. Award – Lt. Rupa Dainer

U.S. Navy Surgeon General's Award – Lt. David Brett-Major

Esprit de Corps Award – Lt. David Brett-Major

Lt. Col. Daniel Kayanan AMSUS Military Medicine Award – Lieutenants Glenn Dowling and Christina Zavari

Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians, Outstanding Student of the Year Award

-- Lt. Jennifer Driscoll

Armed Forces District, ACOG, Outstanding Student In Obstetrics and Gynecology Award –

Lt. Arlene Hudson

John F. Maher Award – Lt. Timothy Quast

Navy Chapter of the American College of Physicians Outstanding Achievement Award – Lt.

Brett Partridge

Glasgow Memorial Award – Lt. Jennifer Driscoll

Glasgow Memorial Achievement Citation – Lieutenants Rupa Dainer, Arlene Hudson, Camille

Tabor and Christina Zavari

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges – Lieutenants David

Brett-Major, Hugh Dainer, Rupa Dainer, Jennifer Driscoll, Arlene Hudson, Timothy Quast, Helen

Siefert, Eric Sturgill and Christina Zavari

Admissions Committee Certificates of Appreciation – Lieutenants David Brett-Major, Don

Kineston, David Mullin, Austin Parker, Sharon Reinertsen, Wiley Smith and Eugene Wilson

Navy League Award – Lt. Eric Sturgill

Below are the Doctor of Medicine graduates for the Class of 2002, who will perform their internship at the locations listed:

Lt. Timothy W. Barkdoll, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.

Lt. Ryan A. Bell, NH Bremerton, Wash.

Lt. Curt A. Bergstrom, NH Portsmouth, Va.

* Lt. David M. Brett-Major, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.

* Lt. Eric M. Buenviaje, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.

Lt. Colin V. Crickard, NH San Diego, Calif.

Lt. Hugh M. Dainer, National Capital Consortium, Washington, D.C.

* Lt. Rupa J. Dainer, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.

Lt. Glenn A. Dowling, NH Camp Pendleton, Calif.

* Lt. Jennifer C. Driscoll, NH Pensacola, Fla.

Lt. Josh L. Duckworth, NH San Diego, Calif.

Lt. Christopher S. Ennen, NH Portsmouth, Va.

Lt. Gregory H. Freitag, NH Portsmouth, Va.

Lt. Cory P. Gaconnet, NH San Diego, Calif.

Lt. Phillip G. Geiger, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.

* Lt. Joseph S. Gondusky, NH San Diego, Calif.

Lt. Miguel A. Gutierrez, NH Portsmouth, Va.
Lt. Helen S. Hagan, NH San Diego, Calif.
Lt. Jack D. Hagan, NH San Diego, Calif.
Lt. Natalie J. Hill, NH Camp Pendleton, Calif.
Lt. John A. Hodgson, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.
* Lt. Arlene J. Hudson, National Capital Consortium, Washington, D.C.
Lt. Erika S. Beard-Irvine, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.
Lt. Henry A. Irvine, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.
Lt. Donald P. Kineston, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.
Lt. Mark J. Lenart, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.
Lt. Jeffrey D. Lightfoot, NH Portsmouth, Va.
Lt. Michael L. McCord, NH Bremerton, Wash.
Lt. Danielle J. Moszyk, NH San Diego, Calif.
Lt. David P. Mullin, NH San Diego, Calif.
Lt. Austin L. Parker, NH Portsmouth, Va.
Lt. Brett J. Partridge, NH San Diego, Calif.
Lt. Lisa A. Peterson, NH San Diego, Calif.
Lt. David S. Proum, NH Camp Pendleton, Calif.
* Lt. Timothy M. Quast, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.
Lt. Sharon L. Reinertsen, NH Jacksonville, Fla.
Lt. Jeffrey C. Ricks, NH San Diego, Calif.
Lt. Neil N. S. Saldua, NH San Diego, Calif.
Lt. Kristian E. Sanchack, NH Camp Pendleton, Calif.
Lt. Paul D. Sargent, NH San Diego, Calif.
Lt. Wiley J. Smith, NH Portsmouth, Va.
* Lt. Eric D. Sturgill, NH Portsmouth, Va.
* Lt. Camille A. Tabor, NH San Diego, Calif.
* Lt. John D. Trask, NH Portsmouth, Va.
Lt. David L. Trowbridge, NH Portsmouth, Va.
Lt. Bryan M. Vander Schuur, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.
Lt. Dirk A. Warren, NH Jacksonville, Fla.
Lt. Eugene K. Wilson, III, NH Jacksonville, Fla.
Lt. Luke A. Zabrocki, NH Portsmouth, Va.
* Lt. Christina J. Zavari, NH San Diego, Calif.

* Elected to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society