



Commencement

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

May 16, 2026
10:00 a.m.
Jesse Hall Auditorium

Commencement Procession

University of Missouri Leadership

The Deans and Faculty of Medicine

The Investiture Marshals

The Candidates for the Degree Doctor of Medicine

Significance of the Colors of the Academic Regalia

The color of the velvet edging of the hood and gown indicates the degree; in the lining of the hood are the college colors of the institution that confers the degree.

The hood and gown of the doctor of medicine degree have a green velvet edging; doctor of divinity and doctor of theology, scarlet; doctor of laws degree, purple; doctor of philosophy degree, dark blue; doctor of education degree, light blue; doctor of science degree, golden yellow; doctor of literature, white; doctor of dentistry, lilac; and doctor of veterinary medicine, gray.

Program

Opening Remarks *Richard J. Barohn, MD*
Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs
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Platform Party Processional *Jeanne Cairns Sinquefield*
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Graduate Processional

Welcome *President Mun Y. Choi*

Graduate Welcome *Terrell Christian
Class of 2026*

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Administration of the
Declaration of Geneva Richard J. Barohn, MD

Declaration of Geneva (back cover): Adopted by the General Assembly of the World Medical Association, Geneva, Switzerland, September 1948, and amended by the 68th WMA General Assembly, Chicago, United States, October 2017. A response to atrocities committed by doctors in Nazi Germany, the oath requires physicians to not use "medical knowledge contrary to the laws of humanity." The oath was adopted by the World Medical Association only three months before the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Presentation of Candidates for the Degree
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Presentation of Diplomas Richard J. Barohn, MD

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Letter from the Dean

Congratulations, members of the MU School of Medicine Class of 2026!

Today marks the culmination of years of hard work, dedication and your unwavering commitment to the pursuit of healing and service to your patients. As you embark on this next phase in your medical journey, never forget the field of medicine is one of constant evolution, innovation, and discovery. You will face challenges that test your knowledge and skills but know that you have been equipped with the tools and knowledge necessary to make a meaningful difference in the lives of your patients and communities. No matter what, always think of what you can do to promote health and relieve suffering, in whatever way you can.

When I first began my residency, I remember feeling overwhelmed. Don't be afraid to ask for help. It's a good habit that will serve you throughout your career. No physician can know everything, which is why we must fully engage with the teams we work with to help. You will find a combination of humility and confidence that will serve you well as a team member, colleague, and physician.

After today, you will take the knowledge, skills, and attitudes gained here and apply them in your next training environment, and eventually, your lifelong practice. You are well-prepared for residency training in any discipline. So now, a few tips for residency and beyond:

- Be your patients' advocate. Listen to them. Don't treat just part of your patient.
- Praise your teammates publicly when they do great work, and coach them privately when they make a mistake.
- Pursue mentors and become mentors; we cannot do this work alone.
- Remain curious and never stop learning.
- Make time for life outside of your medical work-of course with family, but also other non-medical interests.
- Always, always be compassionate.

You are now part of the more than 150-year legacy of MU School of Medicine. We eagerly wait to see how you impact the lives of your patients, and the future of medicine. We have a great privilege to practice medicine, and with that comes a great responsibility. Cherish this moment, reflect on and celebrate what you have accomplished – and go forward proudly with humility as you fulfill your role as a physician and live in the service of others.

Best wishes always,



Richard J. Barohn, MD
Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs
Hugh E. & Sarah D. Stephenson Dean
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School of Medicine

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to save and improve lives – through exemplary education, research and patient care.

OUR VISION

We will be the premier and transformational academic health system for Missouri.

OUR VALUES

- Respect
 - Responsibility
 - Discovery
 - Excellence
 - Service
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Thank You

The Members of the Class of 2026 would like to thank the contributors who made the Match Day and Graduation Activities possible:

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Declaration of Geneva

At the time of being admitted as a member of the medical profession:

I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE to dedicate my life to the service of humanity;

THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF MY PATIENT will be my first consideration;

I WILL RESPECT the autonomy and dignity of my patient;

I WILL MAINTAIN the utmost respect for human life;

I WILL NOT PERMIT considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing or any other factor to intervene between my duty and my patient;

I WILL RESPECT the secrets that are confided in me, even after the patient has died;

I WILL PRACTICE my profession with conscience and dignity and in accordance with good medical practice;

I WILL FOSTER the honor and noble traditions of the medical profession;

I WILL GIVE to my teachers, colleagues, and students the respect and gratitude that is their due;

I WILL SHARE my medical knowledge for the benefit of the patient and the advancement of healthcare;

I WILL ATTEND TO my own health, well-being, and abilities in order to provide care of the highest standard;

I WILL NOT USE my medical knowledge to violate human rights and civil liberties, even under threat;

I MAKE THESE PROMISES solemnly, freely and upon my honor.
