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2025 graduates are incredible! They have accomplished numerous personal milestones and are progressing toward the subsequent stages in their aspirational journeys. We recognize and commend their significant accomplishments.

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College Bound

Congratulations, High School Class of 2025!! Well done! We are proud of your achievements and thrilled to share your excitement about graduation and the next steps. Your stars are rising.

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- **Fadumo Ahmed (2024)** graduated from Lewiston High School in Lewiston, Maine, and will attend Johns Hopkins University on a full QuestBridge Match scholarship. She is a presumptive chemistry major on the pre-med track.
- **Angel Chang (2024)** graduated from Hmong College Prep Academy in Saint Paul, Minnesota. She will attend the University of Minnesota and is majoring in biomedical engineering and chemistry.
- **Claire Ewing (2024)** graduated from Centennial High School in Las Cruces, New Mexico. She will attend the University of New Mexico's combined BA/MD eight-year program.

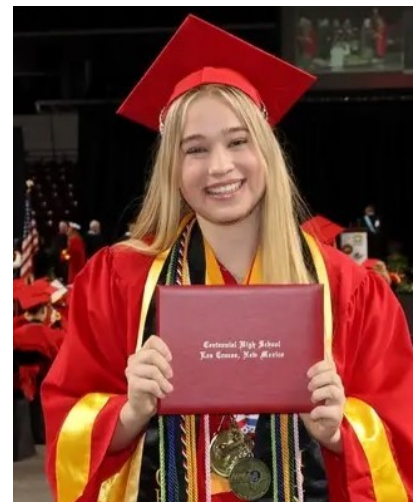
- **Abbie Grant (2024, 2025)** graduated from Burlington High School in Burlington, Vermont. Abbie will attend Arizona State University and plans to major in chemical engineering.
- **Evangalina Gurung (2023)** graduated from Winooski High School in Winooski, Vermont. She will attend the University of Vermont and is a presumptive neuroscience major.
- **Ryan Gwynn (2023, 2024)** graduated from Memorial High School in Frisco, Texas. He will attend Johns Hopkins University. He is a presumptive chemical and biomolecular engineering major.
- **Jeffery Huang (2024)** graduated from Statesboro High School in Statesboro, Georgia. He will attend Cornell University and plans to major in computer science.
- **Laklee Howell-Hill (2024, 2025)** graduated from Newton County High School in Decatur, Mississippi. She will attend Meridian Community College as a presumptive biology major.
- **Olivia Meihofner (2025)** graduated from Dutch Fork High School in Irmo, South Carolina. She will attend Columbia University and plans to major in biomedical engineering.
- **Evelyn Prudenciano (2024)** graduated from Yes Prep West Secondary High School in Houston, Texas. She will attend Johns Hopkins University on a full QuestBridge Match scholarship and plans to major in mechanical engineering.
- **Nayla Ramos Vega (2023, 2024)** graduated from Yuma High School in Yuma, Colorado. She will attend Santa Clara University and plans to major in psychology with an emphasis in neuroscience.
- **Emmanuel Rodriguez (2024)** graduated from Yes Prep West Secondary High School in Houston, Texas. He will attend Vanderbilt University on a full Questbridge Match Scholarship. He is a presumptive engineering major.
- **Nicole Xie (2023)** graduated from Burlington High School in Burlington, Vermont. She will attend Vanderbilt University and plans to major in molecular and cellular biology.
- **Raymond Zhang (2023, 2024)** graduated from Wynne High School in Wynne, Arkansas. He will attend Vanderbilt University and plans to major in biochemistry.



Fadumo Ahmed
Johns Hopkins University



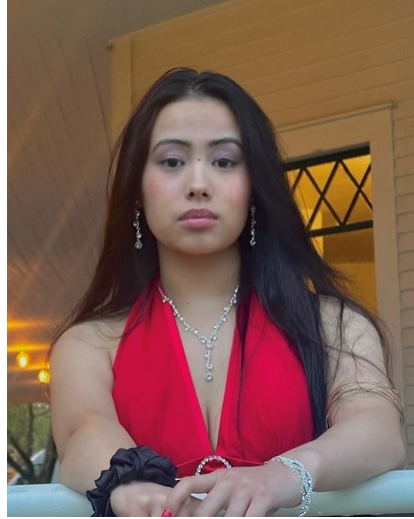
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University of Minnesota



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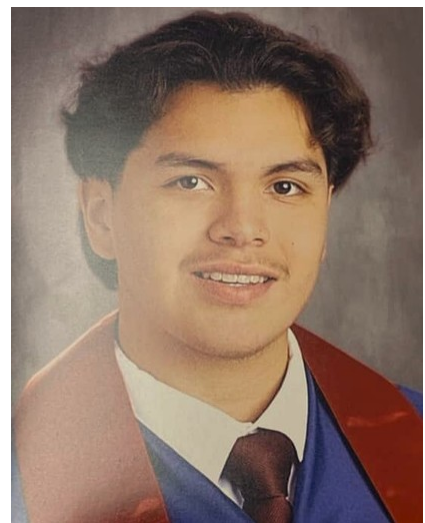
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College Graduates

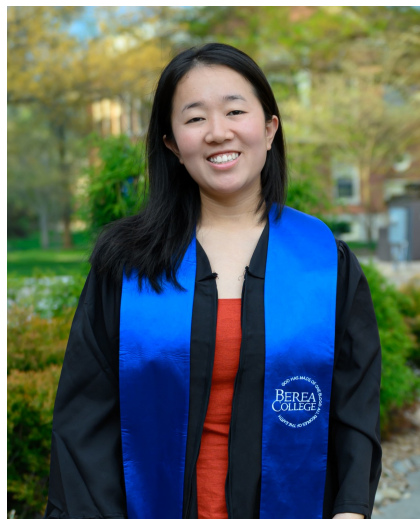
Congratulations, Undergraduate Class of 2025! Your future is looking BRIGHT.

- **Hugo Arce Santamaria (2023)** graduated from Berea College with a degree in Biology. He will attend Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine.
- **Dolma Choenzom (2024)** graduated from Berea College with a degree in Chemistry and a minor in biology. She will attend Vanderbilt University for her Ph.D. in Chemistry.
- **Ashanta Currie (HS-2019)** graduated from the University of Central Arkansas with a degree in business administration, focusing on marketing and entrepreneurship. She has followed her passion for cosmetology and started her own business.
- **Shanay Desai (HS-2020)** graduated from Vanderbilt University with a degree in neuroscience, drug discovery, and biotechnology. He will attend the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine as a member of the Pharmacology Graduate Group with Penn's Biomedical Graduate Studies program.
- **Oscar Hanson (2022, 2023)** graduated from Berea College with a degree in biochemistry. He will begin a post-baccalaureate program.
- **Kayla Hardrick (2023)** graduated from Miles College with a degree in Biology and a minor in chemistry. She will attend Vanderbilt University for a masters in biomedical sciences.
- **Shawn Jamison (2024)** graduated from Berea College with a degree in psychology and a minor in biology. This summer, he will intern at the SCRES lab at Johns Hopkins University before starting his position with the Cabinet of Health and Family Services in the Office of Data Analytics for the Kentucky State government.
- **Riya Jeram (HS-2019)** graduated from the University of North Texas with a degree in psychology and a minor in chemistry. She is taking a gap year before applying for physician assistant school.
- **LilyJasmine Notice (2023)** graduated from Oakwood University with a degree in biology with a concentration in pre-medicine. She will attend medical school at the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine.
- **Michelle Orioha (HS-2020)** graduated from Case Western Reserve University with a degree in nutritional biochemistry and metabolism and a minor in psychology. She will attend medical school at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.

- **Emily Patmore (2023)** graduated from Butler University with a degree in health sciences. She will attend the Indiana University School of Medicine Biomedical Gateway Program to pursue a Ph.D. in biomedical science.
- **Neve Redhair (HS-2019; UG-2021, 2022)** graduated from Stanford University with a degree in human biology with an emphasis in community health education for marginalized youth. She will return to the Diné Nation to learn her native language before attending graduate school.
- **Bailey Scoggins (HS-2019)** graduated from the University of Arkansas with a degree in biochemistry. She is taking a gap year before attending graduate school.
- **Freddiemae Thompson (2022, 2023, 2024)** graduated from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff with a degree in biology. She has accepted a position as a research assistant at UT Southwestern and plans to pursue an M.D./Ph.D. in nephrology.
- **Kyle Vallone (2023, 2024)** graduated from Vanderbilt University with degrees in molecular and cellular biology and communication of science and technology. He will attend the University of California, Berkeley, on an NSF GRFP grant to pursue his Ph.D.
- **Madanna Vue (HS-2019, 2020)** graduated from Tufts University with a degree in mechanical engineering and a minors in engineering management and entrepreneurship. She has accepted a position with Parker Hannifin in the Chromerics Division.
- **Shaelyn Walker (2023)** graduated from Duquesne University with a degree in biological sciences. She will work as a patient care technician at UPMC Mercy Trauma Burn ICU.



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Lincoln Memorial University-
DeBusk College of Osteopathic
Medicine



Dolma Choenzom
Vanderbilt University



Ashanta Currie
Launched Business



Shanay Desai
University of Pennsylvania
Perelman School of Medicine



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Officer of Data Analytics
State of Kentucky

Oscar Hanson
Post-Baccalaureate Program



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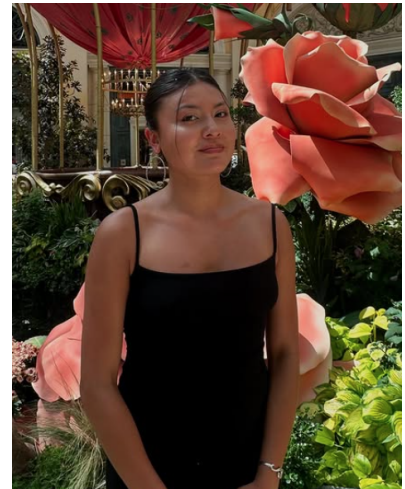
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Freddiemae Thompson
Gap Year Research Assistant
at UT Southwestern



Kyle Vallone
University of California
Berkeley



Madanna Vue
Parker Hannifin Chromerics Division



Shaelyn Walker
Gap Year Patient Care Technician
UPMC Mercy Trauma Burn ICU

Next Steps

Congratulations to all on these graduate school acceptances!

- **Justin Cartailer (HS 2017, 2018, 2019)** graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2024 with a B.A. in biochemistry and chemical biology. He will attend Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine for his M.D./Ph.D.
- **Sariah D'Empaire (2021)** graduated from Livingstone College in 2022 with a B.A. in biology. She begins her Ph.D. program in Interdisciplinary Materials Science at Vanderbilt University's School of Engineering this summer.
- **Takudzwa Mabvuta (2021)** graduated from Berea College in 2023 with a B.A. in biology and will begin his M.D./Ph.D. program at Tulane University School of Medicine.
- **Finn Mahoney (2022)** graduated from Berea College in 2024 with a B.A. in biomedical sciences and will attend Pacific Northwest University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

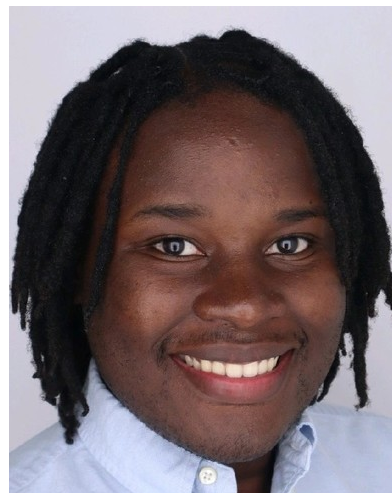
- **Madison Yarbrough (HS-2018, 2019; UG-2023)** graduated from Central Arkansas State University in 2023 with a B.S. in psychology and a minor in cognitive neuroscience. She completed the VERTICES Postbaccalaureate Program at Vanderbilt University. She has been accepted into Vanderbilt University's Quantitative and Chemical Biology Ph.D. Program.



Justin Cartailer
Northwestern University
Feinberg School of Medicine



Sariah D'Empaire
Vanderbilt University School of
Engineering



Takudzwa Mabvuta
Tulane University School of
Medicine



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Pacific Northwest University
College of Osteopathic
Medicine



Madison Yarbrough
Vanderbilt University

Advanced Degree Graduates

Congratulations, Grad School Graduates Class of 2025!

- **Octavia Ailsworth (2021)** completed her Master of Public Health program at Meharry Medical College.
- **Emily Chuang (2019)** graduated from the University of Illinois Chicago College of Medicine, and will begin a transitional year at Ascension St. Francis in Chicago and residency in diagnostic radiology at Washington University Medicine Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology.

- **Elizabeth Fashakin (2018)** graduated from Joan & Sanford I. Weill Medical College of Cornell University. She will begin her residency in interventional radiology at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center.
- **Jenny Nguyen (HS-2016, 2017; UG 2019)** graduated from Emory University School of Medicine. She will be completing her residency at Baylor College of Medicine in general surgery.
- **Amber Prater (2016)** graduated from Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine with M.P.H./M.D degrees. She will be completing her residency in pediatrics at the University of Rochester Medical Center.



Octavia Ailsworth, M.P.H.
Master of Public Health
Meharry Medical College



Emily Chuang, M.D.
Ascension St. Francis:
Transitional Year
Washington University
Medicine:
Diagnostic Radiology



Elizabeth Fashakin, M.D.
New York Presbyterian/Weill
Cornell Medical Center
Interventional Radiology



Jenny Nguyen, M.D.
Baylor College of Medicine
General Surgery



Amber Prater, M.D.
University of Rochester
Medical Center
Pediatrics

Residency Completions

Congratulations, Medical Residency Graduates Class of 2025!

- **Kodi Alvord (2015)** graduated from the Hawai'i Island Family Medicine Residency Program. He will continue in primary care medicine at Hawai'i Island Health Center.
- **Meghan Kramer (2016)** completed her internal medicine residency at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine and will begin her chief resident year.



Kodi Alvord, M.D.
Hawai'i Island Health Center
Family Medicine



Meghan Kramer, M.D.
University of Tennessee
Health Science Center
Internal Medicine
Chief Resident

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