

UCSF School of Medicine Sends Newly Minted Doctors into the World

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Marking a significant milestone in the lives of medical students, the UCSF School of Medicine conferred the doctor of medicine degrees to the Class of 2013 during a commencement ceremony at Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall on May 16.

Sam Hawgood, MBBS, dean of the medical school and vice chancellor for medical affairs at UC San Francisco, welcomed the medical students, their families, friends, faculty, staff and distinguished guests to the ceremony. The class consisted of 165 students.

"As you embark on your journey as physicians, I trust you feel inspired by what lies ahead," Hawgood said. "Inspired by your vision of who you want to become. Our goal at UC San Francisco has been to give you the confidence and tools that you will need to turn your vision into action. We hope we have trained you for a lifetime of caring, imagination and discovery. We want you to make a difference, and we trust we have prepared you well for the challenges and opportunities you will encounter. You, in turn, leave us a legacy, a school that has been enriched by your time with us."

Susan Blumenthal, MD, MPA, former U.S. Assistant Surgeon General and a clinical professor at Georgetown and Tufts University Schools of Medicine, delivered the commencement speech. Homer Boushey, MD, a professor of medicine at UCSF, presented the Gold-Headed Cane Award to Rachel Stern, MD, who plans to help address health disparities at San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (SFGH). The cane is presented annually to a graduating senior who has been selected by classmates and the faculty as best exemplifying the qualities of a "true physician." Two other outstanding graduating medical students, Ashish Agrawal and Sam Brondfield, were given honorable mention. All three graduates become members of the Gold-Headed Cane Society.