



# 197<sup>TH</sup> COMMENCEMENT

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■  
Tuesday, May 25, 2021

2:30 p.m.

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Mann Center for the Performing Arts

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**GRADUATE CEREMONY**

Jefferson College of Pharmacy

Jefferson College of Population Health

Jefferson College of Rehabilitation Sciences





## University Mission

We are a university with preeminence in transdisciplinary, experiential professional education, research and discovery, delivering exceptional value for 21st century students with excellence in architecture, business, design, fashion, engineering, health science, and textiles infused with the liberal arts.

## And then we learned anything can happen

Wherever you think your life and career are going, it will not be a straight line. If the COVID pandemic has proven anything, it is that anything can happen! That's why I believe creativity, collaboration and optimism are the keys to the future of your profession and your career.

But that's the future. The fact is that today, this is all about you ... and congratulations, you did it!

Your commencement is a profound accomplishment that happens to be at an extraordinary time. You are, I believe, stepping into a world that needs leadership, that needs professionalism, that needs empathy, and most of all, that needs you.

The Class of 2021 graduates are at a critical moment in history. I love the advice Steven Spielberg offers anyone graduating during this pandemic:

“One of the things this moment is teaching us is that truly anything is possible. It will be imagination and innovation that gets us to the other side. This is a time of huge loss, but it's also a chance to dream big about our futures together.”

He's right. I hope you graduate believing in yourself, and believing in the power of imagination and innovation to get us to the other side.

The faculty worked hard to build Jefferson's effective hyflex education model and you responded beautifully. In fact, this approach enabled you to learn in a mode that will be increasingly how you'll work.

My great hope is that we will all learn from this pandemic. We will learn that our greatest power is human connection, whether in person or virtual. That while science will overcome this virus, it is the human spirit that will sustain us, and drive us to create a better world. In our yearning for time with friends and collaborators, I believe we'll know even more deeply the power of creativity, communication and empathy.

Thank you for your amazing work finishing this academic year and congratulations on your accomplishments.



Stephen K. Klasko, MD, MBA  
*President, Thomas Jefferson University*  
*CEO, Jefferson Health*

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# Graduate Ceremony Program

## May 25, 2:30 p.m.

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### Processional

Trumpet Voluntary  
The Jefferson Processional

John Stanley  
Burle Marx  
Performed by The Fairmount  
Brass Quartet

### Opening Proclamation

H. Richard Haverstick, Jr.  
*Chair, Thomas Jefferson University and  
Jefferson Health Board of Trustees*

### The National Anthem

Members of the Thomas Jefferson  
University's The Arrhythmias, The  
Lymph Nodes and the Testosterones  
*Robert Abishek, SKMC    Richard Kirby, SKMC  
Lauren Banner, SKMC    Casey Konys, SKMC  
Kaitlin Demarest, SKMC    Gabrielle Scher, JCLS  
Gina Goldberg, SKMC    Rachel Zachian, SKMC  
Patrick Hearle, SKMC*

### Convocation and Remarks

Stephen K. Klasko, MD, MBA  
*President & CEO  
Thomas Jefferson University  
and Jefferson Health*

Mark L. Tykocinski, MD  
*Provost and Executive Vice President,  
Thomas Jefferson University  
Dean, Sidney Kimmel Medical College*

### Conferring of Honorary Degree

Honorary Degree Recipient

Stephen K. Klasko, MD, MBA  
Brian G. Swift, PharmD, MBA  
*Jefferson Enterprise Vice President-Chief  
Pharmacy Officer at Jefferson Health*

### Conferring of Degrees in Course

Jefferson College of Pharmacy  
Jefferson College of Population Health  
  
Jefferson College of Rehabilitation Sciences

Stephen K. Klasko, MD, MBA  
Rebecca S. Finley, PharmD, MS, Dean  
Willie (Billy) H. Oglesby, PhD, MBA,  
MSPH, FACHE, Interim Dean  
Steve R. Williams, MD, Dean

### Recessional

*Pomp and Circumstance*, Elgar  
The Fairmount Brass Quartet

# Honorary Degree Recipient

Brian G. Swift, PharmD, MBA



Dr. Swift is currently the Vice President/Chief Pharmacy Officer at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and Associate Dean for Professional Affairs and Clinical Professor at the Jefferson College of Pharmacy. In this capacity, Dr. Swift has responsibility for acute care Pharmacy operations servicing approximately 14 hospitals, 2300 patient beds, 8 outpatient Retail Pharmacy operations, a health system based Home Infusion program and a Specialty Pharmacy program.

Dr. Swift served as the first Chair of the American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) Section of Home Care Practitioners and was instrumental in the success of the launch of the Section. He has also represented ASHP on the Joint Commission of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO) Home Care Professional and Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) and was Chair of the group for a number of years. Dr. Swift had previously been a Home Care Surveyor for the JCAHO and he served on the Health Care Finance Administration Task Force to establish Peer Review Organization Criteria for Catastrophic Healthcare Coverage. He has served as the Vice Chair of the Standards Committee for The National Home Infusion Association (NHIA) and as the ASHP Representative to the Joint Commission's Home Care PTAC. He is the recipient of the 2013 DVSHJ Jonathan Roberts Award.

Dr. Swift received his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and his Doctor of Pharmacy from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. He completed a clinical residency in ambulatory care at Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science and the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in 1986. He received his Master's in Business Administration in Healthcare Administration from Saint Joseph's University in 2004. Dr. Swift has served as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy for Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, and is a Clinical Professor at the Jefferson College of Pharmacy.

Dr. Swift served on the 2015 Task Force and Advisory Committee on Opioid Prescription Drug Proliferation in Harrisburg, and is the current Co-Chair of the Jefferson Opioid Task Force. Dr. Swift also serves on the Saint Joseph's University Bioethics Institute Advisory Board and the Lehigh University Healthcare Systems Engineering program Advisory Board. He has published numerous articles in professional and scientific journals and presented at international, national, state, and local meetings. He and his wife Colleen live in Havertown, PA with their family Kara and Eric, Quinn and Lily, Anna and Danny.

# Jefferson College of Pharmacy

## Doctor of Pharmacy

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# Honor Societies

## Rho Chi Honor Society

The Rho Chi Society originated in the merger of two movements, both commencing in 1917, to create a national honor society for pharmacy. One started on the campus of the University of Michigan where there was a local honor society, the “Aristolochite Society,” in the Pharmaceutical Department since 1908. This group began to plan for national expansion in 1917, and it finally established a second chapter at the School of Pharmacy of the former Oregon Agricultural College in 1919; a third chapter was started at the University of Oklahoma in 1922.

A second movement, independent of the Michigan movement, was initiated earlier in 1917 by Rufus A. Lyman in his presidential address to the American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties. In response to his suggestion and the conscientious efforts of Professor Zada M. Cooper, it was decided to follow the progress at Michigan. In the meantime, the “Aristolochite Society” became the “Rho Chi Society” and was granted a charter by the State of Michigan on May 19, 1922. The Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties, finding that the group met the standards that the Conference determined, extended its recognition to Rho Chi as “the Honor Society of Pharmacy.” Rho Chi determined that chapters could be established at colleges that were members of the Conference, now the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

A policy of conservative expansion followed. After five years of existence, Rho Chi consisted of eight chapters; after ten years, eighteen. Thereafter, growth continued more rapidly, and by 1980, there were seventy-one active chapters. Continued growth is expected to include Canadian colleges of pharmacy.

The high standards maintained for membership in Rho Chi have resulted in recognition of the Society not only by pharmacy but also by other academic circles. Rho Chi is afforded a place in Banta’s Greek Exchange, and a sketch of the Society appears in Baird’s Manual. Since 1947, the Society has been a member of the Association of College Honor Societies.

Jefferson College of Pharmacy petitioned for membership in 2015 and was installed as the Epsilon Epsilon chapter in April 2016. Members of Rho Chi are identified in the top 20% of their class and inducted following completion of the first two years of the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum.

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## The University Mace

Originally a medieval weapon, the mace evolved from a short staff weighted with metal (used for breaking armor) into a bejeweled and sculptural relic. It fell into disuse by the 16th century as firearms made protective armor and some hand-to-hand combat weapons obsolete. In one of the earliest ceremonial uses of the mace, it was carried by the royal bodyguard before the French king in the 1200s. Examples of the mace as a symbol of authority in modern government include its use in the British House of Commons where the ceremonial mace has a presence on the Treasury table and in the U.S. House of Representatives, where it is placed on a pedestal to the right of the Speaker's podium when the House is convened.

Universities also used the ceremonial mace, borne by the chief marshal, during academic processions. The Thomas Jefferson University Mace, carried for the first time in the 1986 commencement ceremonies by Grand Marshal Robert Mandle, PhD, was designed and cast by Howard Serlick, member of the Guild of Mastercraftsmen, Winterthur Scholar and Chief Conservator (Gilding) of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. It was crafted by silversmith Eugene Zweigle and woodturner Michael Copeland.

The four-foot-long, 14-pound mace is made of ebony highlighted with lapis lazuli to reflect Jefferson's colors (black and blue). It features a miniature of Henry Mitchell's sculpture, the "Winged Ox of Saint Luke," symbol of Saint Luke the Physician, the original of which stands on campus beside the Scott Building on Walnut Street. The miniature was cast in silver by Zweigle.

Mitchell's original statue of the "Winged Ox," adopted by the University in 1976 as its symbol of clinical excellence, is mounted on a column containing the names of 50 medical scientists who have most advanced the art of healing. It also reflects the historical evolution of Thomas Jefferson University from its beginnings as Jefferson Medical College in 1824 to its current. The mace, a grand emblem of the University's heritage, is carried at the head of all formal academic processions.



## The Presidential Medallion of Thomas Jefferson University

The President's Medallion was created in 2009 during the tenure of Robert L. Barchi, MD, PhD, the fourth President of Thomas Jefferson University. It replaced the previous, well-worn President's Medallion made in 1977, which had depicted four old corporate seals used in various eras of the institution's history.

The current medallion was designed and crafted by Tiffany & Company, New York. It consists of a sterling silver medallion suspended from a heavy, silver double-link chain. The medallion's obverse depicts the University seal; a bas-relief profile of Thomas Jefferson and the surround reads, "THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY - 1824," the year the institution was founded. The reverse is engraved with the names of the four University Presidents.

Silver is a metal long-associated with medicine and is recognized to have anti-bacterial properties. Hippocrates (ca. 300 BCE) acknowledged the healing powers of silver and the ancients used silver bottles to keep water or wine from spoiling. The expression "born with a silver spoon in your mouth" comes from the

Middle Ages; when the wealthy gave their children silver spoons to suck on to prevent disease. Like many academic traditions, the display of a heavy "chain of office" comes down to us from medieval regalia and represents the weight of responsibility for the wearer. The chain itself connotes strength in unity, as well as strong communication.

The Presidential Medallion is worn by the President at all convocations of the University.

## The Jefferson Processional

The Jefferson Processional was commissioned by the Alumni Association of Jefferson Medical College, now named Sidney Kimmel Medical College and played for the first time on November 15, 1974, at the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University. This piece was presented to Thomas Jefferson University by the President of the Alumni Association, John J. Gartland, MD. It was composed by Burle Marx.

# Academic Regalia

The attire worn at academic ceremonies evolved from the dress worn by clergy in the 12th and 13th centuries. Throughout the years, European universities have continued to show great diversity in their academic dress. American universities, when they decided to adopt academic dress in 1895, immediately established a code of regulations that today is followed by practically all American institutions.

The code provides for three types of gowns. Those worn by the bachelors are made of black worsted material and have long, pointed sleeves. Masters may wear either black silk or black woolen gowns, made with a long, closed sleeve with an arc of a circle appearing near the bottom, and a slit for the arm. The doctors' gowns are black material, typically silk, with a full, round, open sleeve. They are faced with velvet and have three bars of velvet or chevrons, on each sleeve. The color of the velvet trim may be black or the same color as the velvet, indicative of the discipline, which edges the hood.

The black Oxford or mortarboard-style cap is worn for all degrees, but only the doctor's cap may be made of velvet and only doctors or presidents of institutions may wear a gold tassel on the cap. The tassel fastened to the center of the cap is normally worn in the left-front quadrant of the cap and is made of black thread.

It is the hood, however, that is the most important and distinctive feature of the American Code. The system established by the Intercollegiate Commission enables anyone attending an academic function in this country to distinguish at a glance the bachelors, masters and doctors, and, at the same time, recognize the university that has given the degree.

The doctor's hood, of black cloth matching the gown, is four feet in length and made with a wide panel. The master's and bachelor's hoods are three-and-one-half feet and three feet in length, respectively. They are made of black cloth matching the gowns and follow the Oxford shape. The hoods for all the degrees are lined with silk in the official academic color or colors of the institution conferring the degree.

The binding or trim of all the hoods is of velvet or velveteen, two inches, three inches and five inches wide for the bachelor's, master's and doctor's degrees, respectively. The color of this velvet trim indicates the department or faculty to which the degree pertains, each department having been assigned a different color by the Intercollegiate Code

## DESCRIPTION OF ACADEMIC DRESS

The colors associated with many of the academic disciplines are

Violet	.....Architecture	Apricot	.....Nursing
White	.....Arts and Letters	Slate Blue	.....Doctor of Occupational Therapy
Tan or Drab	.....Business	Maize	.....Bachelor of Science
Light Blue	.....Education	Olive	.....Pharmacy
Teal	.....Family Therapy	Dark Blue	.....Philosophy
Green	.....Medicine	Teal	.....Physical Therapy
Plum	.....Midwifery	Salmon	.....Public Health

Adapted from *The Story of Caps and Gowns*, by Helen Walters, 1939, E.G. Moore: New York.





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