

As you begin your medical career, alumni sponsors and supporters would like to share the following words of wisdom:

There is no greater honor or privilege than to be entrusted with the care of patients’ health.
John F. Sanfelippo, MD, Res ’76 & ’78

Welcome to the family of medicine. It will be a fantastic journey and rewarding one too. Learning about how the human body works and how it fails is a unique opportunity that only a few get. The complexity and how it all works is truly amazing. And our understanding of the complexity deepens with each new generation of physicians and scientists. It will be hard work and long hours but it is worth it when you look back on your career and the patients you have helped, consoled and supported. Take care of yourself, your family, your patients and take time to enjoy the life-long study of medicine. God bless you and your classmates.
Robert Schafermeyer, MD ’73

Mizzou is a wonderful place. Enjoy your years there.
Gene A. Schillie, MD ’53

Keep up the good work! To be well versed in the art and science of the medical profession, will prepare you to take on the current healthcare needs.
Mir F. Shuttari, MD, Res ’92

Remember that your medical school education is but the prelude to a lifetime of learning medicine.
Stanley D. Sides, MD ’68

When in doubt - do the human thing. Treat your patients as if they were a beloved member of your own family. Don’t forget using humor, nothing “breaks the ice” more than a shared laugh.
Laura A. Sunn, MD ’81

After graduation from medical school my interest in radiology led me into interventional radiology where I practiced until I retired.
Thomas P. Sweeney, MD ’65

It has been 40 years since I graduated from MU Med School and I continue to recognize what an honor and privilege it is to care for patients. It begins with taking the time to listen to them. Their care and my satisfaction increase the better I hear them.
Harold Thies, MD ’77

Enjoy the amazing journey you’ve chosen. Thank you for your commitment!
Cassie Volker, MD ’03

As a pediatrician, I always tell my trainees to treat your patient as you would treat your own child. Simple, but reminds me to always to do the very best for my patient, even when tired.
Kathy Weiss, MD ’06

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Still a great profession, even though it is changing. Still attracting the “best and the brightest.” Good luck!
William N. Baskin, MD ’72

Keep an open mind and let every rotation be a new adventure. You must read to learn, but never forget your patients will be your most important teachers.
Jerome L. Belinson, MD ’68

Remember this is just one tool you will use to heal the sick. Use your hands, your brain, but most importantly your heart in every task you undertake as a physician!
Holly Bondurant, MD ’93

Welcome to the noble profession.
Charles H. Brady, MD ’61

Never forget where you came from. It is what has gotten you to this point so far.
V. Kent Cooper, MD ’89

Remember that knowledge holds the power to assist you with achieving your goal to become a physician!
Jeffrey G. Copeland, MD ’79

The fundamental relationship in medicine is that between you and your patient. Anything interfering in that relationship is deleterious to their care. There are many entities claiming to “own” your patient; your group, hospital and insurance companies, to name a few. Do your best to prevent them from preempting the care your patients deserve.
J. Marcus Downs, MD ’83

Through all the turmoil that changes in our profession have caused, I have never regretted studying medicine. Always CARE about your patients.
Elizabeth Daher Fasse, MD ’87

Practicing medicine is a gift and an honor. Please respect, honor and support all members of the health care team and their contributions.
Gregg M. Galloway, MD ’75

May you use this stethoscope for many years. This is your most valuable tool and sign of your profession. Good luck!
Neil S. Gladstone, MD ’69

Trust your instincts. Always do what is best for your patient, even if no one agrees with you.
Andrea L. (Fick) Greiner, MD ’98

You are beginning a noble journey to help those who will require your medical knowledge and skills. Prepare well for this challenge, and the reward will be the well-earned self-satisfaction of knowing you have served humanity well.
James G. Hall, MD ’61

Pause, think before you speak. Speak in plain English; don’t use jargon. Only do tests you really need. Besides relying on your medical knowledge, consider listening to your “gut feelings” in diagnosis and treatment, or about performing procedures you find objectionable.
Jim Hanser, MD ’76

Best wishes as you begin the next phase of your training!
Shawn Harris

Psychiatry and Internal Medicine should never be strangers, they are close relatives. Learn from the experience of giving care to patients and their families. Remember always that the patient is a person, not a specimen. We all need to learn to care for ourselves as much as we might care for our car. Patients who learn self-care and have purpose and meaning in their lives can recover from chronic illness. Share and teach these beliefs. Listen.
Robijn K. Hornstra, MD ’84

Study hard and always keep your long term goals in mind. Care for your patients as if they were family.
Landon Hough, MD ’08

Nothing in digital medicine will replace the H&P.
George P. Hubbell, MD ’87

I owe MU for the training to provide care to both individuals and the totality of the community. Be open and invest in the spectrum of care: I started as a GP, then emergency medicine, then a board certified anatomical and clinical pathologist, then occupational-preventative medicine consultant. Eventually, know what you do, and, regardless of peer pressure, do what you believe is right.
William J. Keenan, MD ’63

Accept these tools and use them to make the world a healthier, better place. Good luck in all you do!
Mary M. Klix, MD ’97

Settle in. Relax. Work hard. Fret not.
Carlo Lee Klott, MD ’85

Being a doctor was the greatest responsibility and privilege of my life. Each time you use this stethoscope, I hope it inspires you to see the humanity of the person on the other side and do your very best for their health and welfare. Remember the gift, and someday pay it forward to another student.
Jane Knapp, MD ’78

Hearing helps to diagnose. Listening helps to heal.
Kevin D. Komes, MD, Res ’92

Pay attention to how you adapt to stress. There will be plenty of it in your training and career, but there are healthy ways to manage it. If you are having problems reach out for help and advice from others!
Peggy Latare, MD ’86

A kind retired R.N. named Gen Tucker gave me my first stethoscope. She has since passed on, but I still have the scope. This is my (our, my wife and myself) way of passing it on.
Jerome J. Mank, MD ’93 and Christine Mank

Medical school at Mizzou was my favorite part of my medical training. I still credit PBL for ingraining in me the importance of excellent bedside manner, and always considering the psychosocial aspects patients endure in making me a compassionate and excellent doctor. Enjoy these next four years and absorb everything!
Neesann Marietta, MD ’09

Only a chosen “few” are called to become physicians. Never forget the importance of “compassion” and “kindness” as you care for those who will come before you.
Greg G. Monaghan, MD ’78

Be smart. Be compassionate. Be persistent. Be empathetic. Above all, listen.
Anne T. Neff, MD ’85

Smile at each patient you meet. Look on each patient encounter as a meeting with God. Touch each patient with your hand as you greet them.
Jack O’Handley, MD ’72

Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to become the best physician you can be. Find the area of medicine that best suits you and you will have a rewarding career (plus you do it for a long time!). The University of Missouri gave me a wonderful opportunity and an excellent education. I am forever grateful.
John W. Pearson, MD ’76

Congratulations and good luck! Remember that behind each diagnosis is someone’s mother or father, brother or sister, husband or wife. Try always to make a difference in their lives, not only through excellent clinical skills, but especially through your care, attention and love of each person.
Matthew Rydberg, MD ’90