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Commencement exercises for the fifteenth graduating class of Southern Illinois University School of Medicine will be held Saturday, May 27. Sixty-five new physicians will graduate during the 2 p.m. ceremonies, which will be held at the Sangamon State University Auditorium in Springfield.

James E. Davis, M.D., president of the American Medical Association, will deliver the convocation address. Davis is a professor of surgery at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and clinical associate professor of surgery at Duke University School of Medicine. He has written extensively on general and thoracic surgery and wrote the text "Major Ambulatory Surgery." A diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Davis serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Ambulatory Care Management.

J. William Roddick, Jr., M.D., dean of students, will present the class for degrees. John C. Guyon, Ph.D., president of SIU, will confer the degrees, while Richard H. Moy, M.D., dean and provost of the School of Medicine, will award diplomas. Eric Bleyer of Carterville, chairman of the class, will deliver remarks on behalf of the graduates following Davis' address.

It has become customary for the graduates to select three of their instructors for the honor of delivering the invocation, reading the Hippocratic Oath and hooding the graduates during the ceremony. The class of 1989 has chosen John E. Murphy, M.D., clinical professor of pathology, who will deliver the invocation; Randy Kienstra, M.D., associate professor and chairman of pediatrics, who will read the oath; and Grant C. Johnson, M.D., professor and chairman of pathology, who will hood the graduates.

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The class has selected David R. Wade, Ph.D., associate professor of physiology, as the Carbondale Teacher of the Year for his contributions during their first year.

Music during the ceremony will be provided by the SIU School of Medicine Symphony Orchestra conducted by Elizabeth Ricketts. Members of the Class of 1990 will serve as student marshals.

A reception for the graduates and their guests will follow the ceremony in the cafeteria and on the patio of the SSU Public Affairs Center.

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(Note to media: Dr. Davis is available for interviews at 1 p.m. on May 27 in Room E on the first level of the Public Affairs Center.)