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Commencement exercises for the 19th graduating class of Southern Illinois University School of Medicine will be held Saturday, May 22. Seventy-one physicians and one doctoral candidate will graduate during the 2 p.m. ceremony at the Sangamon State University Auditorium in Springfield.

Bernard Siegel, M.D., author, founder of Exceptional Cancer Patients (ECaP) and assistant professor of surgery at Yale University School of Medicine, will deliver the commencement address. Christine Todd of Woodridge, class chair, will deliver remarks on behalf of the graduates.

Siegel's experience with ECaP lead him to write three books focused on making people aware of their own healing potential: *Love, Medicine and Miracles* (Harper and Row, 1986); *Peace, Love and Healing* (Harper and Row, 1989) and *How to Live Between Office Visits* (Harper and Row, 1993). ECaP is a form of individual and group therapy that utilizes a patients' dreams, drawings and images. It relies on 'carefrontation,' a loving, safe and therapeutic confrontation, to facilitate personal change and healing.

Stuart Frank, M.D., dean of students, will present the medical students for degrees and Robert Jackson, Ph.D., will present the doctoral candidate. John Guyon, Ph.D., president of SIU at Carbondale, will confer the degrees. Richard H. Moy, M.D., dean and provost of the School of Medicine, will award diplomas. John Yopp, Ph.D., dean of the SIU graduate school, will award the doctoral candidate diploma.

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Each year, the graduates 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 1993 has chosen Theodore LeBlang, J.D., professor and chair of medical humanities, to deliver the invocation; Lynn Barkmeier, M.D., assistant professor of surgery, to read the oath; and John Murphy, M.D., professor of pathology, to hood the graduates.

The class also selected Murphy to receive the 1993 Golden Apple Award for outstanding teaching. J. Hurley Myers, Ph.D., associate professor of physiology, was chosen as the teacher of the year for his contributions during their first year in Carbondale.

J. Kevin Dorsey, M.D., Ph.D., class of 1979 and now an associate professor of medicine on the School's Carbondale faculty, will be recognized by SIU's Alumni Society Board of Governors as the first recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award. The award is presented to a graduate of the School in recognition of outstanding contributions to medicine and distinguished service to mankind.

Music during the ceremony will be provided by the SIU School of Medicine Symphony Orchestra conducted by Elizabeth Ricketts. Members of the Class of 1994 will serve as student marshals. A reception for the graduates and their guests will follow in the lobby of the SSU Public Affairs Center.

SIU's medical school graduates will begin advanced training in various specialty fields in July. Thirty-nine (55.7 percent) will enter primary care specialties, another measure of the School's emphasis on producing a high percentage of graduates who practice primary care medicine. Sixteen (22.5 percent) will enter residency training at SIU and its affiliated hospitals; 31 (43.7 percent) will train in Illinois; and 59 (83.1 percent) will stay in the Midwest for postgraduate training.