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Commencement exercises for the 20th graduating class of Southern Illinois University School of Medicine will be held Saturday, May 21. Sixty-eight physicians will graduate during the 2 p.m. ceremonies, which will be held at the Sangamon State University Auditorium in Springfield.

Roger Robinson, assistant dean of students at the School, was selected by the graduates to deliver the convocation address. Robinson is retiring in September after more than 30 years at SIU; 22 of those years have been with the School of Medicine. Theodore Urbanski of Homewood, chairman of the class, will deliver remarks on behalf of the graduates.

A native of Carmi, Robinson is an instructor in medical education and behavioral and social sciences. In 1972, as a member of SIU's education faculty, he was asked to join in planning SIU's new medical school. As a result of these interactions, he became curriculum coordinator for the medical school, responsible for developing curriculum and training new faculty. Since that time, he has served in teaching and administrative capacities at the School and as a consultant to other universities. Most recently, he was one of a group of faculty who developed SIU's problem-based learning curriculum for medical students. He earned his bachelor's degree in geology (1961) and master's degree in secondary education (1963) at SIU.

Stuart Frank, M.D., dean of students, will present the class for degrees. John C. Guyon, Ph.D., president of SIU, will confer the degrees. Carl J. Getto, M.D., dean and provost of the School of Medicine, will award the diplomas.

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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 1994 has chosen Andrew J. Varney, M.D., a 1988 graduate of the School and an assistant professor of medicine, to deliver the invocation; Erik J. Constance, M.D., a 1988 graduate of the School and an assistant professor of medicine, to read the oath; and John E. Murphy, M.D., clinical professor of pathology, to hood the graduates.

J. Hurley Myers, Ph.D., associate professor of physiology, received the Golden Apple Award for outstanding teaching. Terence R. Anthony, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor of behavioral and social sciences, was chosen teacher of the year for his contributions during the class' first year in Carbondale.

Roger Wujek, M.D., a 1976 graduate of the School and now a clinical assistant professor of family and community medicine from Litchfield, will be recognized by SIU's Alumni Society Board of Governors as the second 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.

Members of the Class of 1995 will serve as student marshals.

The new physicians will begin their advanced training in specialty fields in July. Sixty percent (41) of the graduates will enter primary care specialties. SIU and its affiliated hospitals have attracted 26.5 percent (18) of the graduates for residency training programs; 45.6 percent (31) will be trained in Illinois; and 79.4 percent (54) will stay in the Midwest for their postgraduate training.

The 1994 graduates are:

Springfield students in the class include Sarah Dietrich, daughter of Dr. John and Pat Dietrich, who will enter an internal medicine residency at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester, Minn.; Timothy Drake, son of Mary Drake, who will enter an internal medicine residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin in

Milwaukee; Rebecca Findlay, daughter of Dora Findlay, who will enter a pediatrics residency at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington; Heidi Harris, daughter of Larry and Linda Harris, who will enter a family practice residency at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, Ind.; Matthew Peecher, son of Clarence and Janet Peecher, who will enter an internal medicine residency at the SIU affiliated hospitals in Springfield followed by an anesthesiology residency at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester, Minn.; Maureen Ralph, daughter of Louise Ralph, who will enter a psychiatry residency at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C.; Vipul Trivedi, son of Alkesh and Lilavati Trivedi, who will enter a pathology residency at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics in Madison; and Christine Worrall, daughter of Janette Mallow, who is in a psychiatry residency at the SIU affiliated hospitals in Springfield.

Other Springfield-area graduates are William Bird, son of Bill and Pam Bird of Auburn, who will enter a family practice residency at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Ind.; Elizabeth Kvale, daughter of Dr. James and Janice Kvale of Chatham, who will enter a family practice residency at the University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics in Columbia; Lavena Morgan-Jahanshir, daughter of John Morgan of Litchfield, who will enter an obstetrics and gynecology residency at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Lukes Hospital in Chicago; Robert Woodward, son of Bob and Linda Woodward of Taylorville, who will enter a family practice residency at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Urbana; and Gary Wright, son of Gary and Sandra Wright of Rochester, who will enter an emergency medicine residency at the Wayne State University Detroit Medical Center.

Other graduates and their hometowns are: Lisa Ferley of Berwyn, David Rzeszutko of Burbank, Rajat Malhotra of Carol Stream, Thomas Ferry of Champaign, Paul Panzica of Crete, Eileen Kelly of Crystal Lake, Kellie Jones-Monahan of Decatur, Richard Whittington of Dolton, Marcel Hoffman of Dunlap, Denise Davis of

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**East Peoria, James Cunnar of Elgin, Martin Drost of Elmhurst, Deidre Flanagan of Galesburg, Theodore Urbanski of Homewood, Burton Jaffe of Kankakee, Jay Seymour of Libertyville, Cristina Medrano of Lisle, Randall Megeff of Mattoon, Bryan Fox of Mt. Vernon, Candace Fortune of Mundelein, Teresa Cvengros of Naperville, Benjamin Brewer of Normal, Matthew Christ of O'Fallon, Clifford Johnson of Ottawa, Barry Sommerfeld of Park Ridge, Kent Grotefendt of St. Jacob, John Kolski of Skokie, Tina Schrader of Steeleville, Marlene Willenborg of Teutopolis, Donald Bailey of Wayne City, Michael Gronberg of Wheaton, Katharine Yao of Winnetka, and Emilie Redding of Woodstock.**

**Also graduating are Katherine Clarke, Cynthia Johnson, Afagh (Katheryn) Khorashadi, Paige Morris, Erick Naar and Kimberly Porter of Carbondale; Therese Benevich, Maria Glowacki, James Krcik, Angela Lapid, Sonia Marie Mininni, and Carol Vancol of Chicago; Todd Vonderheide and James Wade of Freeburg; William Forsyth and Jill Wahl of Peoria; Michael Eling and Joseph Mathew of Quincy; Brian Cady and Lily Lee of Rock Island; and Maureen O'Brien and Eric Ossmann of St. Charles.**