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Commencement exercises for the 23rd graduating class of Southern Illinois University School of Medicine will be held Saturday, May 17. Sixty-eight physicians will graduate during the 2 p.m. ceremonies, which will be held in the Sangamon Auditorium at the University of Illinois in Springfield.

Dr. Joycelyn Elders, former U.S. surgeon general and the first African American to hold that post, will deliver the convocation address. Dr. Manish Kohli of Des Plaines, chair of the class, will deliver remarks on behalf of the students.

Now a pediatric endocrinologist, Elders became Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service in September 1993. During her Senate confirmation hearings, she said "I want to be the voice and vision of the poor and powerless. I want to change concerns about social problems that affect health into commitment." She resigned in December 1994 to continue her career at the University of Arkansas School of Medicine.

Elders attended the University of Arkansas Medical School on the GI Bill. After graduating in 1960, she interned at the University of Minnesota Hospital in Minneapolis and did a pediatric residency and endocrinology fellowship at Arkansas. She joined the full-time faculty at Arkansas as a professor of pediatrics. In 1987, she was named director of the Arkansas Department of Health.

Dr. Erik Constance, dean of students, will present the class for degrees. Donald L. Beggs, Ph.D., chancellor of SIU, will confer the degrees. Dr. Carl J. Getto, dean and provost of the School of Medicine, will award the diplomas.

The graduates selected two of their instructors for the honor of reading the Hippocratic Oath and hooding the graduates during the ceremony. Dr. Amber J. Barnhart, associate professor of family and community medicine, will read the oath. Dr. J. Roland Folse, professor and chair of surgery, will hood the graduates.

Three other faculty members will be recognized for honors. Dr. John Murphy, clinical professor of pathology, is receiving the Golden Apple Award for outstanding teaching. Dr. Terence R. Anthony, Ph.D., associate professor of behavioral and social science, and Cheri W. Kelly, instructor in anatomy, will be honored for their contributions during the class' first year in Carbondale.

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Dr. Daniel Barrow, class of 1979, will be recognized by SIU's Alumni Society as the recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to medicine and distinguished service to humankind.

Barrow is professor and chair of the department of neurosurgery at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. In addition, he donates time at Grady Memorial Hospital, a large indigent hospital in the Atlanta area. Barrow served as vice chair for the department (1991-95) and was named chair of neurosurgery in 1995. He also was assistant chief of neurosurgery at Grady Memorial Hospital from 1985-95. Barrow joined Emory's faculty as assistant professor of surgery in 1985 and was promoted to associate professor in 1990 and professor in 1995. He had completed residencies in surgery (1980) and in neurosurgery (1985) at Emory.

He received his medical degree from SIU (1979), and a bachelor's degree in biology from Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., (1976). Barrow was born in Jacksonville and graduated from Pittsfield High School. He is the author of numerous professional articles and has served on many editorial boards and professional society committees.

The new physicians will begin their residency training in July. Thirty-nine graduating seniors, or 57 percent, from the Class of 1997 are entering primary care programs. Twenty (29%) are entering family practice residencies, four (6%) selected internal medicine, seven (10%) selected medicine-pediatrics and eight (12%) chose pediatrics. Another seven students (10%) are entering obstetrics/gynecology, which increases the total selecting primary care to 67 percent. Six (9%) each will enter psychiatry and surgery; two (3%) each in emergency medicine, orthopaedic surgery and urology; and one in ophthalmology. Four (6%) students will begin internal medicine-preliminary programs.

Fifty-one (74%) of the seniors are continuing their training in the Midwest. SIU and its affiliated hospitals in Springfield, Carbondale, Decatur and Quincy attracted 20 (29%) of the seniors for residency training. Another 11 (16%) picked other Illinois programs and 20 (29%) others selected Midwest programs.

Springfield students in the class include Christopher Morton, son of Neil and Beverly Morton, who will enter a pediatrics residency at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn.; David Pittman, son of Dr. Glenn and Jeanne Pittman, who will enter an internal medicine residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee; Laura Sanderson, daughter of Dr. Paul and Linda Rockey, who will enter a pediatrics residency at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland; and Andrea Weise, daughter of Robert and Janice Weise, formerly of Springfield and now living in Edwardsville, who will enter a family practice residency at the University of Missouri - Kansas City Cox Medical Centers in Springfield, Mo.

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Other Springfield-area graduates are Amelia Dean, daughter of Dawson and Martha Dean of Griggsville, who will enter a family practice residency at SIU affiliated hospitals in Springfield; Valerie Hay, daughter of John and Carol Floreth of Litchfield, who will enter a pediatrics residency at SIU affiliated hospitals in Springfield; Bart Jones, son of Wayne and Suzie Jones of Petersburg, who will enter a transitional program at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Ind., before entering an ophthalmology residency at the University of Arizona Affiliated Hospitals in Tucson; Lori Rolando, daughter of Alan and Margaret Rolando of Gillespie, who will enter a surgery residency at SIU affiliated hospitals in Springfield; and Richard Wagoner, son of Jack and Georgeen Wagoner of Havana, who will enter a combined internal medicine/pediatrics residency at Michigan State University's Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies.

Other graduates and their hometowns are Christopher Ballard of Bellmont, Jason Bergandi of Ladd; Jason Bredenkamp of Effingham; Krisin Dolling of Pinckneyville; Sarah Dutta of Urbana; Charles Ellington, Jr., of Villa Grove; Walt Elliston of Mt. Vernon; Julie Gocey of Flora; Richard Griffin, Jr., of Makanda; Dorothy Grunes of Glencoe; Melissa Hardiek of Teutopolis; Sean Hollonbeck of Rochelle; Bradley Houston of Stillman Valley; Timothy Ishmael of Quincy; Brent Johnson of Davis; Roy Jonas of Metamora; Robert Karnes of DuQuoin; Manish Kohli of Des Plaines; Elizabeth Kostrey of DeKalb; Kathy Majcina of Morton; Julie Margenthaler of Cutler; Tanya Mattern of Northbrook; Margo Hein-Muniz of Orland Park; Gopika Myneni of Hinsdale; Sally Niermann of Elgin; Suchada Nopachai of Centralia; Frank Peppers of East St. Louis; Steven Pritchett of Mascoutah; Allison Puckett of Carbondale; Zachary Schmittling of Fairview Heights; Jeffrey Scott of Machesney Park; Ejaz Shamin of Skokie; Stacy Stratmann of Belleville; Charlene Sweeney of Champaign; Bill Utley of Macomb; and David Weber of Robinson.

Also graduating are Juliet Bradley, James Davis, Callie Hall-Herpin, Karen Murrell, Marcia Sawa and Shellie Williams all of Chicago; Timothy Camden and Anjeli Chugh of Murphysboro; Marissa Feeney and Chan Nhu Trinh of Edwardsville; Kristen Green and Daniel Lange of Danvers; John Myers and Susan Schaberg of East Alton; Adedayo Onibokun and Jennifer Price of Lisle; Rachel Qualley and E.J. Ward of Peoria; Heidi Rand and Tracy Zeisset of Highland; Jean Johnson of Omaha, Neb.; and Chari Smith of Oklahoma City, Ok.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: Because of her tight travel schedule, a formal press conference will not be held for Dr. Elders. There may be some time just before the ceremony and again after the ceremony (approx. 3:30-3:45) for one-on-one interviews, but arrangements must be made in advance so we know to request time with her for you.