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Dr. Michael W. Adams is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. He will enter a family practice resident at the SIU affiliated hospital in Quincy this July.

He is the son of Dorthy Jean Asbell of Harrisburg and Wayne Adams of Thompsonville and he is married to the former Lorie Thompson of Harrisburg. Adams graduated from Harrisburg High School (1980) and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, where he earned his bachelor's degree in physiology (1994).

While in medical school, he edited Stethoscope, a newsletter for medical students.

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Dr. Tracy Aldridge is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. She will enter a family medicine residency at the SIU affiliated hospitals in Springfield this July.

She is the daughter of Gene and Karen Salmon, both of Olney. Aldridge and her husband, Roy, are the parents of five children, Crystal, 10, Jessica, 8, Tyler, 4, Brittany, 3, and Austin, eight months. She graduated from East Richland High School in Olney (1990); Olney Central College, where she earned an associate's degree (1992) and Eastern Illinois University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in zoology (1994).

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Dr. Betsy Alley is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. She will enter an anesthesiology residency at the University of Washington's Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle this July.

She is the former Betsy Greer of Springfield and is married to Randy Alley, also of Springfield. She graduated from Chatham Glenwood High School (1986) and Sangamon State University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in chemistry (1991).

While in medical school, she served on the student affairs committee and was elected class representative to the student general assembly.

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Dr. Celeste N. Banks-Rueter is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. She will enter an internal medicine residency at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis this July.

She is the daughter of Dennis and Cynthia Banks of Nashville. She and her husband, Brent Rueter, are the parents of two children, Spencer, 9, and Isaiah, 2. She is a graduate of Nashville Community High School (1989) and St. Louis University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in biology (1993).

While in medical school, Banks-Rueter received the Kurt Heisler Scholarship and earned academic honors in obstetrics and gynecology. She served on the new student liaison, graduation and winter ball committees. She was a member of the American Medical Association, Illinois State Medical Society and the Sangamon County Medical Society.

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Dr. Douglas E. Boler is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. He will enter a transitional program at the Texas Tech University affiliated hospitals in El Paso in July.

Boler is the son of Jimmy and Thelma Chalmers of O'Fallon. He and his wife, the former Kimberly Gay of North Chicago, have two children, Nathanael, 2 , and Nicolas, eight months. He graduated from O'Fallon Township High School (1989) and Western Illinois University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in zoology (1993).

While in medical school, Boler was a member of the Student National Medical Association and the American Psychiatry Association. His community service activities included serving as a mentor to students at Enos School in Springfield and as a teen counselor at the Abundant Faith Christian Center in Springfield. He also volunteered with the American Cancer Society and the Springfield Urban League.

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Dr. Kevin A. Bybee is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. He will enter an internal medicine residency at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester, Minn., this July.

He is the son of Stephen and Mary Alice Bybee of Quincy, and is married to the former Amie Frantz of Prairie Village, Kan. Bybee graduated from Quincy Senior High School (1990) and the University of Kansas, where he earned his bachelor's degree in human biology (1994).

While in medical school, Bybee earned academic honors in internal medicine, surgery, family and community medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, and neurology. He also was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society. He served on the student progress committee (1994-98), the student executive committee and as student president of the SIU chapter of AOA (1998).

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Dr. Elizabeth J. Cavanaugh is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. She will enter an anesthesiology residency at Wake Forest University's Bowman Gray Medical School in Winston-Salem, N.C., this July.

She is the daughter of C. Joseph and Sandra S. Cavanaugh of Springfield. She graduated from Sacred Heart Griffin High School (1985) and Eastern Illinois University, where she earned her bachelor's in zoology (1990) and master's degree in exercise physiology (1991).

While in medical school, she served as sophomore class secretary and junior and senior class vice president. She also served the student general assembly as secretary in her sophomore year and as chair during her junior year. She also was student representative to the SIU alumni committee. She chaired the family weekend planning committee during her freshman and sophomore years.

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Dr. John Champley is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. He will enter a combined internal medicine and pediatrics residency at the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis this July.

He is the son of Thomas and Janet Champley of Oregon. He is a graduate of Oregon High School (1990) and Augustana College, where he earned his bachelor's degree in biology (1994).

While in medical school, Champley served as a class representative to the student assembly (1994-97) and as a member of the admissions committee (1994-98). He also was a member of the Illinois Symphony Orchestra chorus.

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He is the son of Sarah Hall of Springfield, Ohio. He and his wife, the former Susan Parkinson of Canton, are the parents of twin sons, Skyler and Nash, 6. Coleman is a graduate of Springfield North High School in Springfield, Ohio, (1983) and Western Illinois University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in biology (1993).

While in medical school, Coleman received the Illinois Department of Public Health primary care scholarship. He served on the curriculum committee.

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Dr. Timothy Flynn is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. He will enter a family practice residency at the University of Illinois affiliated hospitals in Peoria this July.

He is the son of Dennis and Roseanna Flynn of Rockford. He and his wife, the former Kimberly Swartout of Roscoe, are the parents of a daughter, Kaylie, 2. Flynn is a graduate of Hononegah High School in Rockton (1991), and Illinois Wesleyan University, where he earned a bachelor's in biology (1994).

While in medical school, Flynn received the Illinois Rural Health Scholarship (1997-98). He earned academic honors in surgery, and obstetrics and gynecology. He was a member of the American Medical Association, American Academy of Family Physicians and was active in SIU's family medicine interest group.

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Dr. David C. Gregory is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. He will enter a family practice residency at the SIU affiliated hospitals in Decatur this July.

He is the son of Carl K. and Cheryl L. Gregory of Decatur. He is a graduate of Mt. Zion High School (1984) and Millikin University, where he earned his bachelor's degree (1988).

While in medical school, Gregory received a general assembly scholarship (1997) and earned academic honors in obstetrics and gynecology. He was co-leader of the Christian Medical and Dental Society student chapter and he was a member of the American Medical Association, American Association of Family Physicians, American Psychiatric Association, American College of Physicians, and the National Rural Health Association.

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Dr. Kendra Hall is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. She will enter a pediatrics residency at the Phoenix Children's Hospital, Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix, Ariz., this July.

She is the daughter of Dan and Linda Prosser of Normal and she is married to Peter Hall of Prospect Heights. She is a graduate of Normal Community High School (1990) and Augustana College, where she earned her bachelor's degree in pre-medicine and biology (1994).

While in medical school, Hall received the Illinois General Assembly Scholarship (1995-96). She earned academic honors in obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, and psychiatry. She was a member of the American Medical Association and the SIU family medicine interest group. She also served on the yearbook committee.

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Dr. Christopher Hughes is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. He will enter a family practice residency at the University of Illinois affiliated hospitals in Peoria this July.

He is the son of Pete and Carol Hughes of Roanoke. He is a graduate of Morris Community High School (1988) and Augustana College, where he earned his bachelor's degree in biology and pre-medicine (1992) and the University of Illinois at Urbana, where he earned a master's degree in biology (1994).

While in medical school, Hughes was a member of the American Medical Association and the Illinois State Medical Society.

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Dr. Eleanor Jenkins is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. She will enter a family medicine residency at the University of Wisconsin affiliated hospitals in Appleton this July.

She is the daughter of Jane Jenkins of Tacoma, Wash., and the granddaughter of Betty Jenkins of Danville. She is a graduate of Danville High School (1990) and the University of Illinois at Urbana, where she earned her bachelor's degree in biology (1994).

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Dr. Darrin Johnson is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. He will begin a year of preliminary training in internal medicine at the SIU affiliated hospitals in Springfield this July and then enter a diagnostic radiology residency at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn.

He is the son of Gale and Barb Johnson of Hillsboro. He and his wife, the former Jill Agazzi of Plainfield, have one daughter, Hannah, six months. Johnson is a graduate of Hillsboro High School (1987) and Northern Illinois University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in nuclear medicine technology (1991).

While in medical school, Johnson was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. He also earned institutional honors and academic honors for the freshman year. He was chair of the American Medical Association Student Section at SIU (1994 and 1997) and served as student representative to the sophomore curriculum committee. He also won second place honors for research he presented at the School's annual combined research symposium during his sophomore year.

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Dr. Jennifer N. Jones is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. She has deferred her residency.

She is the daughter of Scott and Georgia Jones of Industry. She is a graduate of Industry Community High School (1990) and Western Illinois University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in biology (1994).

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Dr. Angela Jordon is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. She will enter a family medicine residency at the SIU affiliated hospitals in Carbondale this July.

She is the daughter of Elizabeth Drew of Decatur and John Jordon of Moweaqua. She is a graduate of Moweaqua High School (1988) and the University of Illinois at Urbana, where she earned her bachelor's degree in biology (1994).

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Dr. Violet Alexandria Kelley is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. She will enter a pathology residency at the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Ga., this July.

She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Kelley of Nashville. She is a graduate of Nashville Community High School (1990) and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, where she earned her bachelor's degree in microbiology (1994).

While in medical school, Kelley received the Kathryn Terry Scholarship (1994-98). She earned academic honors in the problem based learning curriculum (1996) and received a research fellowship from the Mayo Clinic (1997). She was elected class secretary (1994-95) and served as a member of the student assembly (1994-95). She was editor-in-chief of SCOPE, the School's literary magazine (1995) and a member of its editorial staff (1994-98). She was member of the American Medical Student Association.

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Dr. Daniel U. Kim is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. He will enter a transitional year at the University of Michigan Medical School's St. Joseph Mercy Medical Center in Ann Arbor this July to prepare for an anesthesiology residency at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

He is the son of Dr. Young and Ann Kim of Bloomington. He is a graduate of University High School (1990) and Illinois Wesleyan University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in biology (1994).

While in medical school, Kim was a student ambassador and a member of the graduation and family day committees.

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Dr. David C. Krupp is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. He will enter a family practice residency at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City in July.

He is the son of William and Barbara Krupp of Camdenton, Mo., formerly of Belleville. Krupp and his wife, the former Michelle White of Antioch, have a son, Treyton Dean. He is a graduate of Belleville Township High School West (1987) and Illinois State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in psychology (1991).

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Dr. John H. Lee is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. He will enter an internal medicine residency at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Ill., this July.

He is the son of Bak and Soonja Lee of Normal. He is a graduate of Normal Community High School (1990) and Illinois Wesleyan University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in biology (1994).

While in medical school, Lee received the Illinois General Assembly Scholarship. He was a class representative to the student assembly, chair of the computer club committee and served on the alumni student resource fund committee.

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He is the son of Larry Lieber of Galesburg. He is a graduate of Bethany Christian Academy in Galesburg (1990) and Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C., where he earned his bachelor's degree in biology (1994).

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Dr. David C. Malfese is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. He will enter a family practice residency at the Waukesha Memorial Hospital in Wisconsin this July.

He is the son of William and Andrea Malfese of Medinah. He is a graduate of Lake Park High School in Roselle (1989) and Millikin University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in biology (1993).

While in medical school, Malfese served on the editorial staff of SCOPE, the School's literary magazine. He was a member of the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians and the American Association of Family Practitioners.

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Dr. Scott McLain is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. He will enter an internal medicine residency at the SIU affiliated hospitals in Springfield this July.

He is the son of Ronald and Sidney McLain of West Frankfort. He is a graduate of West Frankfort High School (1987) and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, where he earned his bachelor's degree in physiology (1994).

While in medical school, McLain received an Illinois General Assembly Scholarship.

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Dr. Liem Ngo is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. He will enter an emergency medicine residency at the Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals in Michigan this July.

He is the son of Dr. Quat and Yen Ngo of Taylorville. He is a graduate of Taylorville High School (1989) and St. Louis University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in economics (1993).

While in medical school, Ngo served as class treasurer and as a class representative to the student general assembly. He served on the editorial staff of SCOPE, the School's literary magazine, and on the yearbook and senior week social committees. He was a member of the American Medical Association.

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Dr. Supranee Amy Nopachai is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. She will enter a combined internal medicine and pediatrics residency at the University of North Carolina Hospital in Chapel Hill this July.

She is the daughter of Pracha and Vilai Nopachai of Centralia. She is a graduate of the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy in Aurora (1990) and Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., where she earned her bachelor's degree in biology (1994).

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Dr. Elizabeth E. O'Brien is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. She will enter an internal medicine residency at the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics in Madison this July.

She is the daughter of Larry and Roberta Hamel of Carlinville. She and her husband, Daniel, have one daughter, Solare, 15. She is a graduate of Carlinville Community High School (1976) and the University of Illinois at Urbana, where she earned her bachelor's degree in English literature (1980).

While in medical school, O'Brien was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. She was a member of the American Medical Student Association and served as its vice president (1995).

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He is the son of Eugene and Emma Peterson of Lincoln, Neb. He is a graduate of Atlantic High School in Atlantic, Iowa (1989), and Quincy University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in English (1993).

While in medical school, Peterson served on the editorial staff of SCOPE, the School's literary magazine for three years.

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Dr. Scott Preusen is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. He also earned his Doctor of Law degree from SIU School of Law during the ceremony. He will enter an internal medicine residency at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago this July.

He is the son of Lea Schuch of Glenview. He is a graduate of Glenbard South High School (1987) and Illinois Wesleyan University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in biology (1991).

While in medical school, Preusen received an Illinois General Assembly Scholarship (1992-98). He was a student delegate to the American Medical Association and the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS). He also served as student representative to the Board of Trustees of ISMS.

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Dr. Anita K. Rao is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. She will enter an obstetrics and gynecology residency at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago this July.

She is the daughter of Dr. M. S. Rao of Belleville. She is a graduate of Belleville Township High School West (1990) and Washington University in St. Louis, where she earned her bachelor's degree in biology (1994).

While she was in medical school, she was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. She earned academic honors in internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, and psychiatry.

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Dr. Michelle R. Reeves is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. She will enter a family practice residency at the SIU affiliated hospital in Quincy this July.

She is the daughter of Ray and Norma Reck of Cerro Gordo. She and her husband, Clint, are parents of a daughter, Madison, nine months. Reeves is a graduate of Cerro Gordo High School (1989) and Millikin University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in biology (1993).

While in medical school, Reeves was a member of the American Medical Women's Association and the Rural Health Association.

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Dr. Gary M. Rull is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. He will enter an internal medicine residency at the St. Louis University School of Medicine this July.

He is the son of Gary and Judy Rull of Bunker Hill. He is a graduate of Bunker Hill High School (1988) and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, where he earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry (1992).

While in medical school, Rull was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society and he earned institutional honors. He served as class treasurer (1995-98), and was a member of the student assembly (1995-98) and educational review committee (1997). He also founded the student newsletter, Script.

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Dr. Pamela J. Rundle is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. She will enter an obstetrics and gynecology residency at Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis this July.

She is the daughter of William and Mary Rundle of Oglesby. She is a graduate of LaSalle-Peru High School (1980) and Northern Illinois University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in nursing (1993).

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Dr. John M. Scandrett is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. He will enter a family practice residency at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Ind., this July.

He is the son of Vernon and Ruth Scandrett of Greenville. Scandrett and his wife, the former Andrea Carr of Salem, have a daughter, Lauren, 1. He is a graduate of Greenville High School (1988) and Greenville College, where he earned bachelor's degrees in biology and chemistry (1992).

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Dr. Jeffrey A. Schopp is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. He will enter an orthopaedic surgery residency at the SIU affiliated hospitals in Springfield this July.

He is the son of Gary and Penny Schopp of Sterling. He is a graduate of Newman Central Catholic High School in Sterling (1990) and Millikin University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in biology (1994).

While in medical school, Schopp was a member of the American Medical Association and the Illinois State Medical Society.

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Dr. Ann B. Spires is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. She will enter a family practice residency at the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center in Lawrence, Mass., this July.

She is the daughter of James and Janet Spires of Lake Forest. She is a graduate of Lake Forest Academy (1984) and Davidson College in North Carolina, where she earned her bachelor's degree in philosophy (1988).

While in medical school, Spires received an Illinois General Assembly Scholarship (1995-96) and earned first place honors for her prose submitted to SCOPE, the School's literary magazine. She served on the editorial board of SCOPE and on the graduation committee. She was a member of the American Medical Student Association.

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Dr. Pennapa Sujatanond is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. She will enter a internal medicine residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin affiliated hospitals in Milwaukee this July.

She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Watanachai Sujatanond of Herrin. She is a graduate of Danville High School (1989) and the University of Illinois at Urbana, where she earned her bachelor's degree in biology (1993).

While in medical school, she was class secretary (1996-98) and a member of the student assembly (1996-98). She served as co-editor of the yearbook (1998) and on the editorial staff of SCOPE, the School's literary magazine (1994-97).

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Dr. Karen A. Voegtle-Weihl is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. She will enter an obstetrics and gynecology residency at St. Louis University School of Medicine this July.

She is the daughter of Bill and Doris Voegtle of Belleville. She is married to Garth Weihl also of Belleville. Voegtle-Weihl is a graduate of Belleville Township High School West (1989) and the University of Illinois at Urbana, where she earned her bachelor's degree in biology (1992).

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Dr. Steven John Voiles is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. He will enter a combined internal medicine and pediatrics residency at the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis this July.

He is the son of Steve and Jackie Voiles of Mt. Zion. He is a graduate of Mt. Zion High School (1988) and Illinois State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry (1992).

While in medical school, Voiles received the Illinois General Assembly Scholarship and earned institutional honors. He served as class representative to the student general assembly (1994).

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Dr. Karina M. Volodka is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. She will enter a family medicine residency at the Martin Army Medical Center, Fort Benning, Ga., this July. At the graduation, she was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in the U.S. Navy.

She is the daughter of Liudas and Milda Volodka of Downers Grove. She is a graduate of Downers Grove High School South (1990) and Eastern Illinois University, where she earned bachelor's degrees in zoology and chemistry (1993).

While in medical school, Volodka received a U.S. Navy Scholarship. She was a member of the Illinois Symphony Chorus and the Springfield International Folk Dance Group.

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Dr. Nicole E. Webel is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. She will begin a transitional year at the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis this July before entering an anesthesiology residency at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester, Minn.

She is the daughter of Dr. Max Webel and Vera Felts, both of Carbondale, and the granddaughter of Maurice Webel and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dean of Bayles. She is a graduate of Murphysboro High School (1985) and the University of Illinois at Urbana, where she earned her bachelor's degree in bioengineering (1990).

While in medical school, Webel was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. She received the Lange Medical Publication Outstanding Student Award and a Norma J. Wylie China Study Award, which allowed her to study medicine in China during part of her senior year. She also won first place honors for poetry she submitted to SCOPE, the School's literary magazine.

Webel was class chair (1998) and delivered remarks on behalf of the student during commencement. She also served as co-chair of the class (1995-96) and as a member of the student general assembly (1996-98), where she served as vice-chair (1997). She also served on the education policy committee and the physicians attitude and conduct task force. She was a member of the editorial staff of SCOPE and volunteered as a mentor at Enos School in Springfield.

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Dr. G. Brett Western is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. He will enter a family practice residency with Allegheny Family Physicians in Altoona, Penn., this July.

He is the son of Mary Jean Western of Springfield. He is a graduate of Springfield High School (1990) and Illinois Wesleyan University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in biology (1994).

While in medical school, Western was treasurer of the American Medical Association student section at SIU.

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Dr. Mark A. Willard is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. He will enter an internal medicine residency at the Evanston Hospital in Evanston, Ill., this July.

He is the son of Robert and Judith Willard of Springfield. He is married to the former Umi Sato of Hiroshima, Japan. He is a graduate of Springfield High School (1990) and Illinois Wesleyan University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in biology (1994).

While in medical school, Willard's writing was published in SCOPE, the School's literary magazine (1996 and 1997).

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Dr. Shayla S. Rose is among the 65 new physicians who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Sunday, May 17, in Springfield. She will enter an obstetrics and gynecology residency at St. Louis University School of Medicine this July.

She is the daughter of Dr. David Rose of Belleville and Lynne Rose of Lebanon. She is a graduate of Lebanon High School (1988) and Duke University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in zoology (1992).

While in medical school, Rose earned academic honors in obstetrics and gynecology. She served on the new student liaison committee and was editor of the yearbook. She also sang with the Illinois Symphony Chorus.

Commencement exercises for the School's 24th graduating class were held in the Sangamon Auditorium in Springfield. The convocation address was delivered by Dr. Richard Selzer, a noted author and surgeon who has served as both professor of surgery and writing at Yale University. The Doctor of Medicine degree was conferred by Ted Sanders, Ed.D., president of SIU. Diplomas were presented by Carl Getto, M.D., dean and provost of the School of Medicine.