

COMMENCEMENT 2016

On May 21, 2016, sixty-eight new physicians joined the 2,685 alumni who have earned their medical degrees from SIU School of Medicine. Seven graduate students also received their degrees.

The keynote speaker for the 42nd graduating class, was author and documentarian T.R. Reid, AB. "These new doctors decided to use their skills, their intelligence and their diligence to keep people healthy, to fight disease, to alleviate pain and to keep our country healthier. And that's a noble calling, and I want to thank you," Reid said at the ceremony.


His 2009 book, *The Healing of America* became a national bestseller and launched Reid into a national role describing ways to provide health coverage for every American.

Class Chair Michael Clanahan, MD, delivered remarks on behalf of the graduates.

Dean and Provost Jerry Kruse, MD, MSPH, awarded diplomas to the medical students, and SIU Carbondale Interim Chancellor Brad Colwell conferred the degrees.

J. Kevin Dorsey, MD, PhD, former dean of the School of Medicine and professor of internal medicine, hooded the graduates. Susan Hingle, MD, professor of internal medicine, read the Hippocratic Oath.

To view highlights of the 2016 commencement, visit our

 YouTube channel at bit.ly/SIUSOMYouTube



The graduation photo gallery is available at siumed.zenfolio.com/p101042841



Clockwise from top:

Left to right: Samantha Nguyen, Kathryn Renner, Brad Holland, Paige Tsuda, Erik Constance, Aye Lwin, Kendall Held and Tyler Fulks

Kaitlyn Kollmann, Natalie Cohen, Meredith Volle, Ashley Satorius and Maggie Rallo (front)

Jason West, Tian Zhang, James Feimster

Dr. Andy Wilber and graduate student Ariana Allgood