

Hello, and welcome everybody to this year's deeded body ceremony. I'd like to greet everybody who made it today as loved ones, students, and teachers – Teachers, I specify, since as long as there are those open to learn, everybody has the ability to teach. We owe our success to the various teachers in our lives, though success be not always a glorious parade. In each of us, we have been touched by trials and tribulations, failures and hardship, but we have also been blessed with the opportunity and the choice to adapt and persevere. That being said, no one can make this endeavor on their own. Many of us who have made it to where we are, made it because of the support of our teachers, our friends, and our community.

A piece that comes to mind when thinking of those who have taught us during our training was composed by Edward Elgar as part of his collection called the Enigma variations. During Elgar's life, he was supported and advised by his friend, named Augustus Jaeger. Elgar appreciated the moments of support and encouragement during his struggles in life, and so wrote a piece called Nimrod- the great hunter - fitting in with the name of his advisor and friend, Jaeger. In listening to and playing this piece, I hope we can all take the time to think of the support and encouragement given to us by teachers, donors, and friends, as well as of the knowledge we will in turn impart to each other and the community. It is no small action to give a piece of oneself for the education of tomorrow's healthcare providers, and on behalf of my classmates and peers, I would like to thank everybody for coming to honor our donors who have so graciously granted us this opportunity to learn, and eventually share our knowledge to help our community.