



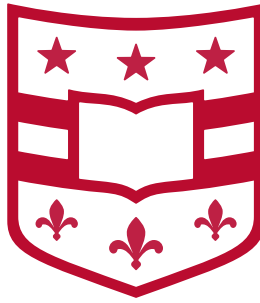
*Joint Programs  
Commencement &  
Recognition Ceremony*

May 14, 2026 | 4 p.m.

Eric P. Newman Education Center

WASHU MEDICINE





# WASHU MEDICINE JOINT COMMENCEMENT

Saint Louis, Missouri • May 14, 2026

"Pomp and Circumstance" processional.....	Class of 2026 with faculty & staff
Welcome and introduction of Dr. Eva Aagaard.....	Philip Payne, PhD Janet and Bernard Becker Professor Vice Chancellor for Biomedical Informatics and Data Science, WashU Medicine Chief Health AI Officer, BJC Health and WashU Medicine Director, Institute for Informatics, Data Science and Biostatistics (I2DB)
Opening remarks.....	Eva Aagaard, MD Vice Dean for Education Vice Chancellor for Medical Education Carol B. and Jerome T. Loeb Professor of Medical Education
Introduction of Dean Sandro Galea... ..	Philip Payne, PhD
Keynote speaker.....	Sandro Galea, MD, MPH, DrPH Margaret C. Ryan Dean of the School of Public Health Eugene S. and Constance Kahn Distinguished Professor in Public Health Vice Provost for Interdisciplinary Initiatives
Introduction of student remarks.....	Philip Payne, PhD
Student remarks.....	Callista Poiter Applied Health Behavior Research
Conferral of degrees.....	Eva Aagaard, MD
AHBR program opening remarks, conferral of degrees.....	Amy McQueen, PhD Professor of Medicine Director, Graduate Programs Applied Health Behavior Research
MSBMI/MSIBS program opening remarks, conferral of degrees .....	Zachary Abrams, PhD Instructor of Biostatistics Director, Institute for Informatics, Data Science and Biostatistics Education Programs

MSCI program opening remarks, conferral of degrees..... Dominic Reeds, MD  
Professor of Medicine  
Associate Director, MS in Clinical Investigation

MSGC program opening remarks, conferral of degrees..... Rachael Bradshaw, MS CGC  
Program Director

MPHS program opening remarks, conferral of degrees..... Yikyung Park, ScD  
Professor of Surgery, Public Health Sciences  
Deputy Director of MPHS Program

MSMP program opening remarks, conferral of degrees..... Michael Altman, PhD  
Associate Professor, Radiation Oncology  
Director of Education

Presentation of course instructors, mentor & student awards..... Philip Payne, PhD

Closing remarks ..... Philip Payne, PhD

“Pomp and Circumstance” recessional ..... Class of 2026 with faculty and staff

*Keynote speaker*

## **Sandro Galea, MD, MPH, DrPH**

Sandro Galea, a physician, population health scientist, and author, is the Margaret C Ryan Dean of the School of Public Health, the Eugene S and Constance Kahn Distinguished Professor in Public Health, and Vice Provost of Interdisciplinary Initiatives at Washington University in St. Louis.



He previously held academic and leadership positions at Boston University, Columbia University, the University of Michigan, and the New York Academy of Medicine. He has published extensively in the peer-reviewed literature and is a regular contributor to a range of public media, about the social causes of health, mental health, and the consequences of trauma.

He has been listed as one of the most widely cited scholars in the social sciences. He is past chair of the Boston Board of Health, of the board of the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health, and past president of the Society for Epidemiologic Research and of the Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science.

He is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine. Galea has received several lifetime achievement awards. Galea holds a medical degree from the University of Toronto, graduate degrees from Harvard University and Columbia University, and honorary doctorates from the University of Glasgow and the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.

*Presentation of degrees*

## Master of Science in Applied Health Behavior Research

Health Behavior Research is a multidisciplinary field that applies psychology, public health, behavioral medicine, communication science, and statistics to promote health and prevent disease.

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### **Fall 2025 Graduates**

Callista Poiter

### **Summer 2026 Graduates**

Tanjim Mesbah Himika

Victoria Thompson

# Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics

The interdisciplinary Master of Science and certificate programs in Biomedical Informatics provide students with a competency-based training in core biomedical informatics theories and methods to address the fundamental shift health and life sciences are experiencing toward transdisciplinary, integrative, and data-intensive approaches to research.

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## **Spring 2026 Graduates**

Yuxiao Chen

Rishab Haldar

Amanda Herman

Yanlong Huang

Paige Jackson

Sivani Ravindran

Kangyi (Andrea) Yang

Ruichen Ye

Saiyu You

## **Summer 2026 Graduates**

Nicholas Hadas

Guntaas Shergill

## **Spring 2026 Graduate Certificate in Biomedical Informatics**

Patricia Hernandez

# Master of Science in Biostatistics

The Master of Science in Biostatistics program offers core data science learning in statistical and computational methodologies along with practical training in data analysis of cutting-edge biomedical and genomics research.

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## **Spring 2026 Graduates**

Tianchi Yu

# Master of Science in Clinical Investigation

The Master of Science and certificate programs in Clinical Investigation provides scholars with the core competencies in clinical research and investigation, including study design, research implementation, statistical analysis, scientific communication, literature critique, leadership, Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) and rigor and reproducibility, as well as opportunities for community engagement relevant to MDs, PhDs, and doctoral students from diverse disciplines. Many graduates also participate in the Mentored Training Program in Clinical Investigation (MTPCI) which includes additional mentorship and specific training program for individuals who are interested in pursuing careers in Clinical and Translational Science.

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## **Spring 2026 Graduates**

Omar Alomar

Lucas Cruz

Ling Huang

Mary Claire McGlynn

Stephanie Zhao

## **Summer 2026 Graduates**

Veronica Guerra

Farrell Landwehr

James McMenimen

Safia Shaikh

Connor Sierra

Jake Rammell

Felicia Zhang

## **Spring 2026 Certificate in Clinical Investigation**

Blake Sparkman

# Master of Science in Genetic Counseling

The Program in Genetic Counseling is an innovative, 21-month Master of Science program that will prepare graduates to become certified genetic counselors. The program is composed of medical genetic- and counseling-focused curriculum, clinical rotations, and a research project.

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## **Spring 2026 Graduates**

Josephine Cleveland

Sophia Couteranis

Pranathi Kandikonda

Hannah Munce

Jenna Russom

Madeleine M. Wisler

# Master of Population Health Sciences

The Master of Population Health Sciences program provides students with a strong foundation and hands-on experience in designing and conducting research in clinical outcomes and population health and moving clinical research findings to applications that will improve patient care and treatment. The program also offers a Certificate in Health Equity and Disparities and a Certificate in Clinical Effectiveness.

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## **Spring 2026 Graduates**

Adam Kwok

Theodore Marghitu

Usman Panni

Akua Williams

## **Spring 2026 Certificate in Health Equity and Disparities**

Shelbie Fishman

# Master of Science in Medical Physics

This CAMPEP-accredited program provides for students to learn fundamental concepts and techniques in the field of medical physics. Students are exposed to a wide array of diagnostic medical imaging, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, and radiation safety approaches and techniques.

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## **Spring 2026 Graduates**

Zhuo Chen

Guilherme Ferreira

Ella Lawrence

Tyler Sudlow

## **December 2025 Post PhD Certificate in Medical Physics**

Xue Wu

Zhehao Zhang

# Institute for Informatics, Data Science, and Biostatistics Awards

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Course Instructor of the Year

Dr. RJ Waken

Mentor of the Year

Dr. Lindsay Kranker

Scholar of the Year

Ruichen Ye

## Clinical Research Training Center Awards

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Course Instructor of the Year

Karen Dodson

Mentor of the Year

Dr. Dominic Reeds

Scholar of the Year

Dr. Kevin Baumgartner

Dr. David Russler-Germain

Dr. Christopher Noda

## Medical Physics Awards

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Educator of the Year

Dr. Michael Prusator

