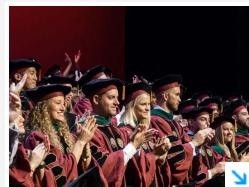


## FSU College of Medicine graduates 14th class

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The Florida State University College of Medicine graduated its 14th class Saturday.

During the ceremony, the college graduated 108 new physicians. In addition, it graduated its ninth class of students with the Master of Science degree in Biomedical Sciences—Bridge to Clinical Medicine. By completing the program, the 10 Bridge students have qualified to begin medical school at Florida State on May 29 as members of the incoming Class of 2022.



SchMiyah Smith celebrates as she walks across the stage Saturday morning at Ruby Diamond Concert Hall. She was one of 108 FSU College of Medicine students in the Class of 2018 (Photo: Photo by Colin Hackley/FSU College of Medicine)

"You blessed us with your diversity, where you came from, your stories and your aspirations," said Dean John P. Fogarty. "Again with your class, 2018 illustrates the effectiveness of all of our efforts with pipeline and outreach programs, resulting in a remarkable degree of diversity for our school."

Faculty member Michael Sweeney, who gave the commencement address, had this advice for the graduates: "So you now make the transition from student to doctor. Your role will change and you will be afforded unique access to other people's lives, and with this comes a great deal of responsibility. You will become accountable for everything you do as a physician and, hopefully, you will take with you a clear understanding of patient-centeredness – which means it's no longer about you. As you gain skills and knowledge in your area of interest, people will begin to recognize your abilities and authority. Resist the arrogance that may come with this. Arrogance threatens good patient care and can cloud your decision-making, while confidence, on the other hand, is an essential quality for a physician. Learn the difference."

The College of Medicine, which graduated its first class in 2005, now has 1,255 alumni.