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FSU College of Medicine to Graduate First Class

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla.- Just under five years after the legislation creating the Florida State University College of Medicine was signed into law, the medical school will hold a commencement ceremony for its first class:

Saturday, May 21, 2005

10 a.m.

College of Medicine Courtyard

Stadium Drive & Call Street

Tallahassee

The students in the inaugural class of the FSU College of Medicine began their studies in May 2001 on the FSU campus, where they spent their first two years of medical school. They then completed their third and fourth years of study at the medical school's regional campuses in Orlando, Pensacola and Tallahassee. The graduating students have all passed the national licensing exam (USMLE Step 2) and matched with residency programs, where they will begin their graduate medical education in July. The fully accredited FSU College of Medicine is the first new M.D. program to be established in the United States since 1982.