



## Ready for a new school year

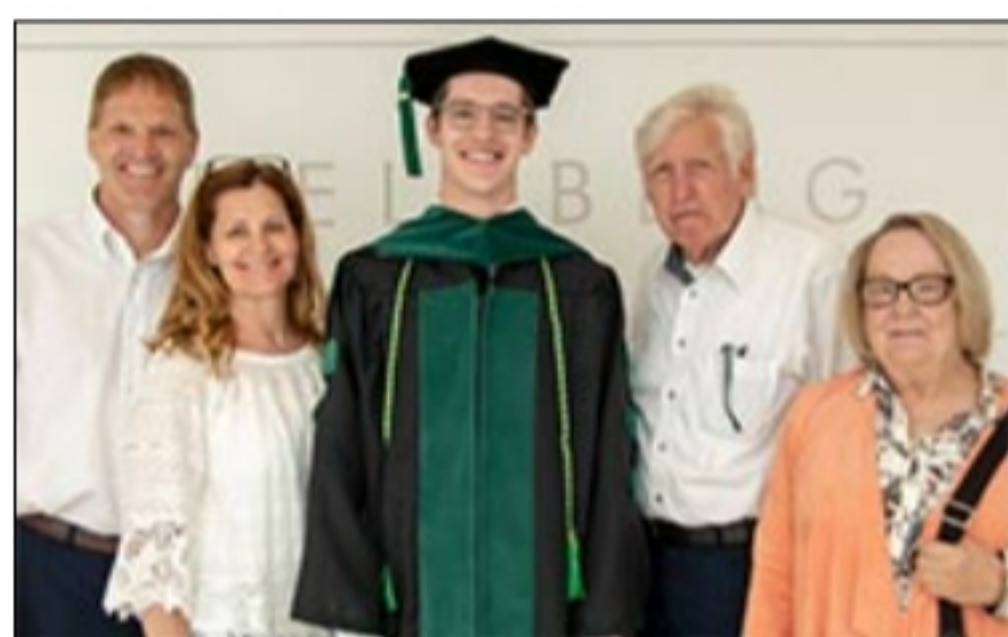
In less than a month, the School of Medicine will be welcoming the Class of 2025. Upper-class students, staff and other volunteers will give first-year students a big UMKC 'Roo welcome on their move-in day, Aug. 15, followed by an informational panel and welcome meal for new parents and their students. The next day, the InDOctrination ceremony will officially welcome first-year students to their medical education and their Year 1 docent unit.



### Arif Kamal takes wing

Arif Kamal, M.D. '05, is this year's recipient of the E. Grey Dimond, M.D., Take Wing Award.

[About Arif and QIPS](#)



### Our 2019 graduates

More than 130 students received their degrees at the 2019 commencement. (Pictured: Grant Randall, M.D. '19, and his family.)

[More about our new alumni](#)



### Patient Safety Day

Sam Page, M.D. '92, was the keynote speaker for this year's Vijay Babu Rayudu Quality Patient Safety Day.

[Dr. Page and patient advocacy](#)



### Helping our neighbors

Research by SOM researcher Kim Smolderen, Ph.D., will support residents of the Paseo Gateway and surrounding neighborhoods.

[A new federal grant](#)



### In memoriam

Stephen Jeffrey Perkins, M.D. '84, died May 19. He had recently retired as chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine at a hospital in Virginia.

[Dr. Perkins' life and career](#)