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UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

FOR THE GOOD HEALTH OF NEVADA

Medical School Class of 1999 are inducted into the medical profession

Lori Haley, medical school information
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On Friday, **May 14, 1999, at 6:30 p.m.**, at the **Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts**, the 52 members of the School of Medicine Class of 1999 will receive their academic hoods, take the Hippocratic Oath, and become formally inducted into the medical profession. Graduates will be hooded by a person who has been important to his or her medical education.

Members of the Class of 1981 have joined together to pledge money for the inaugural Alumni Class Endowment. Presentation of the gift, now close to \$200,000, will also be made at the Hooding Ceremony by Dr. Patrice Richardson.

This year's class chose Dr. Kevin D. Murray, associate professor of surgery and chief of cardiothoracic surgery, to be their featured speaker. Dr. Murray is based at the School of Medicine's Las Vegas campus.

Before joining the Nevada faculty in 1997, Dr. Murray was a faculty member in the Division of Cardiothoracic surgery at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis and at Ohio State University in Columbus. He also served as director of lung cancer treatment at the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Research Institute, also in Columbus.

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In 1983, Dr. Murray was given the American Heart Association for Outstanding Service award by the Maryland Chapter, and was named Outstanding Teacher in the Department of Surgery Faculty at Ohio State University School of Medicine in 1987.

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Graduates from Las Vegas and other communities are:

Faranak Behnia, M.D.
Cari L. Croghan, M.D.
Colin C. Dircks, M.D.
Richard J. Gonzalez, M.D.
Othella Ann Catarata Jurani, M.D.
Jae Eun Kwak, M.D.
Shawn C. Mapleton, M.D.
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Lee M. Reese, M.D.
Howard Roselinsky, M.D.
David A. Tack, Jr., M.D.
Bridget A. Thill, M.D.
Erica Vatsar-Fail, M.D.

Kristina A. Blohm, M.D., Elko
Michelle Knecht Brinkop, M.D., Carson City
Leslie K. Browder, M.D., Boulder City
Frederick Anthony Knutson Brown, M.D., Zehpr Cove
Henry Matthew Davis, M.D., Carson City
Jenifer Patricia Dodge, M.D., Choteau, Montana
Bret J. Earl, M.D., Overton
Edwin Keith Flower, M.D., Penryn, California
Heather Marie Hockenberry, M.D., Fallon
Alan Gene Kelton, M.D., Dayton
Cindy Lynn Kirby, M.D., Gardnerville
Kirin Leslie Madden, M.D., Elko
Jonas Seth Munger, M.D., Hawthorne
Brett Thomas Murray, M.D., Helena, Montana
Andrew Lousi Papez, M.D., Ely
Meredith Elaine Reynold, M.D., Battle Mountain
John William Sype, M.D., Caldwell, Idaho
Travis Erica Vincent, M.D., Sparks

Eric John Wattenburg, M.D., Greenville, California
Dara Joan Welborn, M.D., Henderson
Venus Moe Wilke, M.D., Boulder City