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GRADUATION CEREMONY



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## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

The University of New England is Maine's largest independent university, with two beautiful coastal campuses in Maine, a one-of-a-kind study-abroad campus in Tangier, Morocco, and an array of flexible online offerings. In an uncommonly welcoming and supportive community, we offer hands-on learning, empowering students to make a positive impact in a world full of challenges. We are the state's top provider of health professionals and home to Maine's only medical and dental colleges, a variety of other interprofessionally aligned health care programs, and nationally recognized programs in the marine sciences, the natural and social sciences, business, the humanities, and the arts. Visit [www.une.edu](http://www.une.edu).

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## COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

The University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine was founded in 1978 on a beautiful coastal campus in southern Maine. It is the only osteopathic medical school in New England. The college currently enrolls approximately 700 medical students, about half of whom come from the six-state New England region and the rest from other U.S. states and a number of foreign countries. To date, the college has graduated more than 4,000 osteopathic physicians.

The College of Osteopathic Medicine emphasizes the education of primary care physicians. More than 60% of its graduates go on to practice in the primary care specialties. The college has a 2+2 curriculum: two years of didactic training followed by two years of clinical clerkships. The College of Osteopathic Medicine is committed to meeting the challenge of training physicians for the 21st century.

The college's new home is the 110,000-square-foot Harold and Bibby Alford Center for Health Sciences on UNE's Portland Campus for the Health Sciences. The center supports case-based learning, real-time patient simulation, and other innovative educational learning experiences in concert with students from the University's allied health professions programs. Student learning is supplemented by access to biomedical research facilities on both of UNE's coastal campuses, including the Pickus Center for Biomedical Research in Biddeford, with its Cécile Morgane Research Laboratories, and the Portland Laboratory for Biotechnology and Health Sciences, inaugurated in 2023.

The College of Osteopathic Medicine has received Accreditation with Exceptional Outcomes from the American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation, the only national accrediting agency for predoctoral osteopathic medical education in the U.S.

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## THE POMP BEHIND THE CIRCUMSTANCE

### *Academic Regalia*

#### THE GOWN

The history of the academic gown goes back to the 12th century. During this period, everyone — both men and women, royalty, lay folk, clerics, tradesmen, students — wore long flowing robes. The apparel varied in elegance according to the rank and wealth of the owner, from simple rough worsteds to rich gold brocades wrought with tassels and trimmed with colorful velvet and rich furs. It was in this period that the first organized bodies of learning were formed. From the gowns worn in the “universities” of the period have evolved the academic costumes of today.

The bachelor’s gown is a simple design falling straight from a rather elaborate yoke with long pointed sleeves. The gown worn by a master has long, closed, somewhat fuller sleeves, which reach nearly to the wearer’s knees. The arms go through slits at the elbow, giving the appearance of short sleeves. The doctoral gown is cut much fuller and has large bell-shaped sleeves. The gowns are usually, but not always, black, and those of bachelors and masters are generally devoid of ornamentation. The doctoral gowns are distinguished by the five-inch velvet panel around the neck and down both sides of the front as well as by three-inch velvet bars sewn on each sleeve. The color of the velvet trim may be black or may indicate the nature of the degree. For example, the color designating a Doctor of Medicine is green.

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#### THE HOOD

The hood seems to have had a somewhat practical origin. Medieval monks used their hoods for two purposes: to protect their shaved heads in the winter and as a container to collect alms.

Today, the hood serves as the most symbolic part of the academic regalia by which the observer can ascertain the wearer’s level and kind of degree. At three feet long, the bachelor’s hood is the smallest. The velvet trim along the edges, indicating the nature of the degree, is two inches wide. The master’s hood is six inches longer and bears a three-inch velvet trim.

The doctoral hood presented today is a full four feet long and exhibits a five-inch, green velvet trim indicating the medical degree.

The colorful interior of the hood, visible from behind, indicates by hue the degree-granting institution. The University of New England’s colors are blue and gray.



PIONEER OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE MEDAL RECIPIENT

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Jonathan Finnoff, D.O. '95, FACS, FAMSSM, RMSK, is the chief medical officer for the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) and a clinical professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Colorado College of Medicine in Denver, Colorado. Finnoff is board certified in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine.

Finnoff has published over 100 articles in peer reviewed journals, authored multiple book chapters, and co-edited a book with Mark Harrast, M.D., titled *Sports Medicine: Study Guide and Review for Boards*. He has been a faculty member or course director for numerous national and international conferences, is currently the first vice president of the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine (AMSSM) Board of Directors and previously served on the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R) Board of Governors. Finnoff was a team physician for the United States Ski Team for nearly two decades prior to his role with the USOPC and has provided medical coverage for the ski team at the Olympics Games, World Cups, and World Championships. He served as the chief medical officer for Team USA at eight Olympic and Paralympic Games. Finnoff's clinical interests are broad and include multiple sports medicine topics, including advanced diagnostic and interventional ultrasound and exertional leg pain.

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