

dear residents

Farewell Class of 2024

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Dear Residents,

Summer is very much here! It's hot and humid. The days are getting longer and will continue to lengthen until June 20 (the summer solstice). Shortly after that the graduating residents would have departed. I encourage you to sign up for alumnus email addresses. Please reach out to [@Melinda Mendoza](#). It's one way we can remain in touch with you. UTSW will always be your home. Over the years, I will get training verification requests for you. It's one way I can surmise where you are in your career, which state you are getting licensed in or what hospitals are appointing you. If you have agreed to release your board results, I will get those too. We are strengthening our alumnus program. Please be on the lookout for periodic newsletters. We will keep you abreast of all that is happening. I would also appreciate periodic emails or texts from you. I am thrilled when I hear from you.

If you haven't already logged all your procedures, please do so, because some hospitals will request these as part of your credentialing process. If for some reason you misplace your graduation certificate, please let us know and we will send you a new one. You will need to turn in your badges, but its worth taking a keepsake photo before you turn them in. When you are famous and receiving some grand prize, you can show it off in your presentations. You may also consider downloading a copy of all your evaluations in case you ever need them. We will always have a copy handy for you – but it's worth remembering how you progressed in your training or what your schedule looked like.

Deep in your hippocampus, nicely stored away will be all you saw and learned. This will remain a manual of sorts for you. One you can always refer to. Memorable quotes, those 'truth is stranger than fiction' situations, the wild times, the tough times, and the triumphal moments. They all count. This is the tapestry of residency training, woven within you.

Residency taught you a lot, but it didn't teach your everything. It laid down a framework which you must continue to build upon. Whatever has worked for you – keep doing it. Podcasts, journals, videos, or web resources. What you don't use decays and decays quickly. You are leaving residency training broadly competent – make an effort to stay that way.

I am proud of you. This moment of transition is always bittersweet. I know that you will go on to do great things. I know that you will look back at UTSW as the foundation you laid – a solid platform that will hold steady as you build your portfolio. I encourage you to return after you have finished all your training. We are still growing and there is no better faculty recruit than one of our own.

You should have received an end-of-year survey (it's for all of you – not just for those who are graduating). This helps us understand what worked and what could be improved upon. Please do let us know by completing the survey. We are eager to learn about your experience. <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7815880/UTSW-GME-Experience-Survey-2024> or QR code below:



Here are 10 farewell songs you might
enjoy <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/7lFVYsFrG9YloYq8DtJYmn?si=9fdf11efb0d24530>

Godspeed,

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