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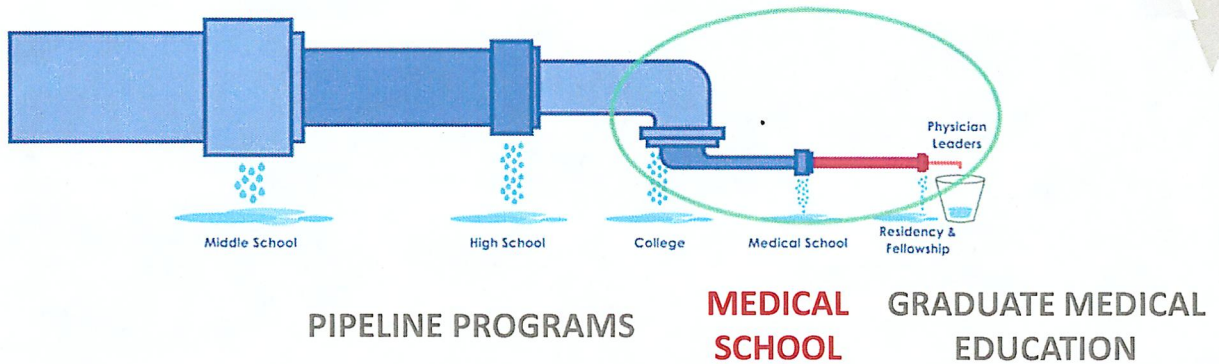
## UAMS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

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### Medical Education at UAMS



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## From Humble Beginnings



A unique and vital role in Arkansas for **145 years** ...

**1879** 8 physicians buy the Sperindio Hotel in Little Rock to establish state's first medical school

**20** Medical students in first class

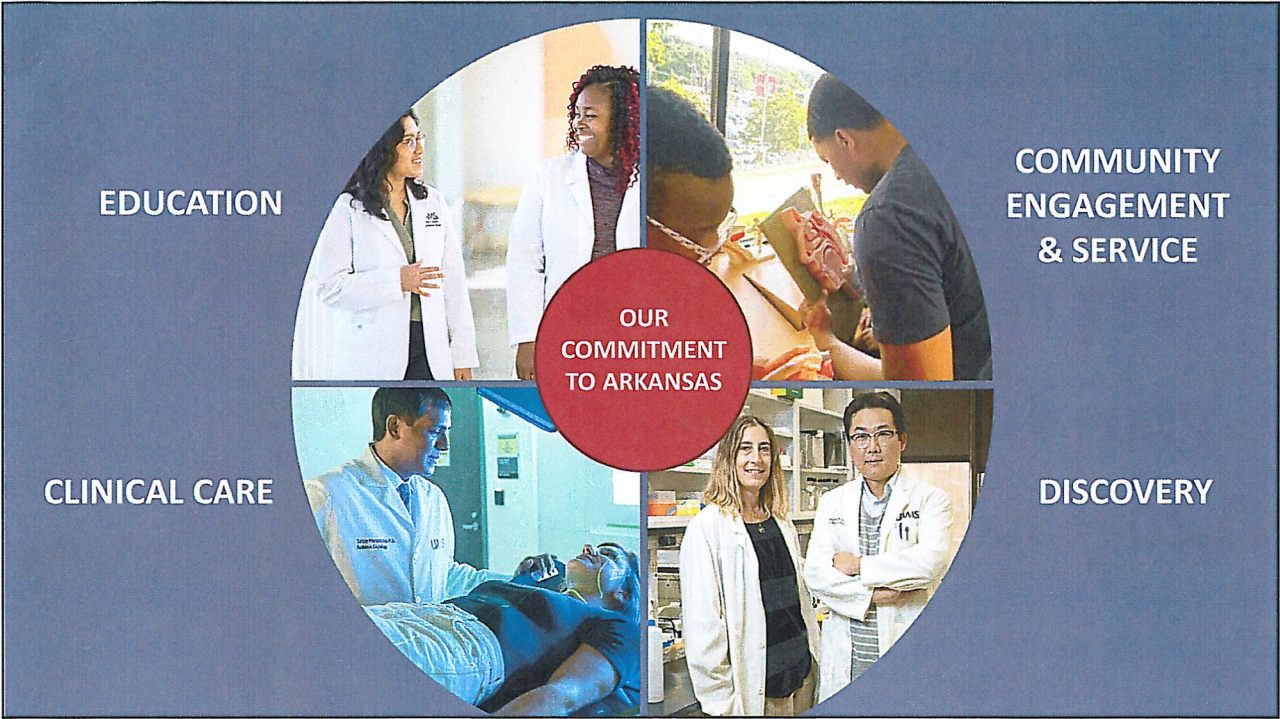
**>11,000 MD grads since 1879**

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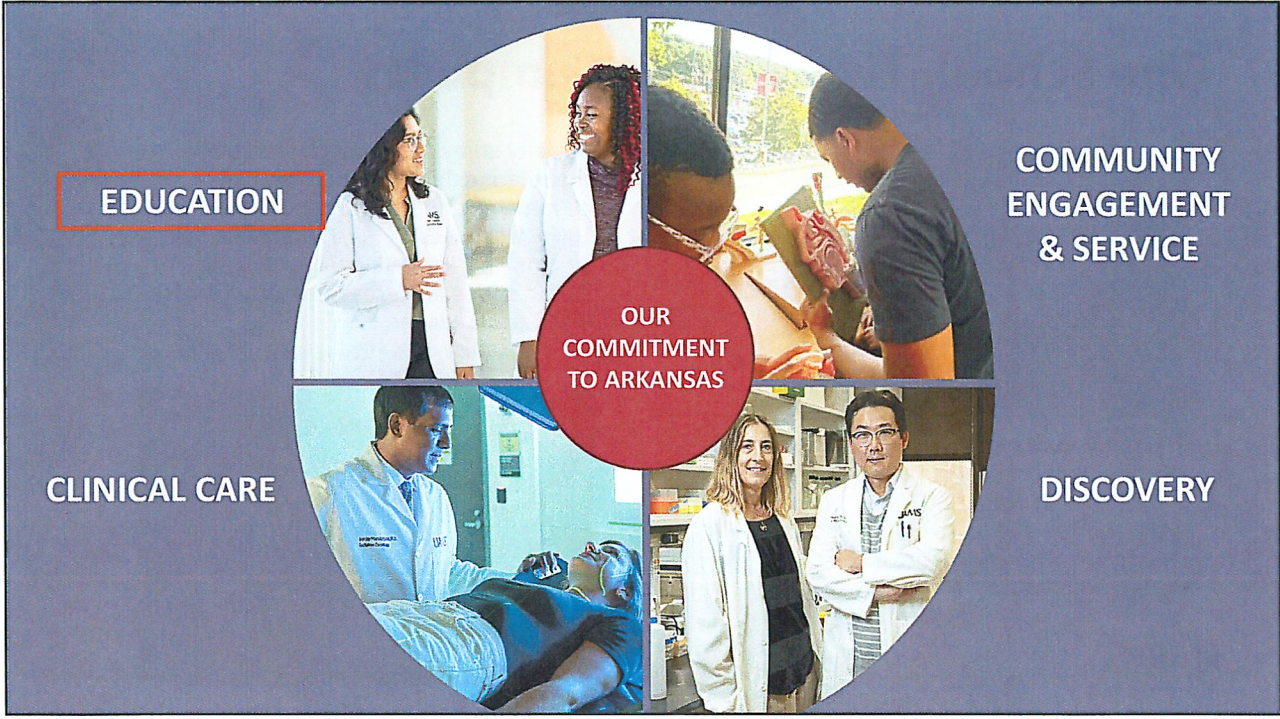


**TODAY: Arkansas' only comprehensive college of medicine, academic medical center and health sciences university**

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## COM AT A GLANCE

**706** Medical Students

**997** Residents/Fellows

**>1,400** Primary Faculty

**1,200+** Staff



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## One School, Two Unique Campuses



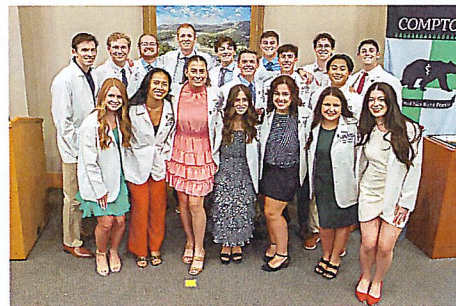
“The **Little Rock** campus is the central hub for medical expertise and education for the state of Arkansas. The opportunity to collaborate and learn from in-house experts provides invaluable means for academic growth.”

*Connor Roset, Class of 2024, Little Rock*



“I really enjoy the small class size and the relationships I’ve built with my classmates and the program leaders at **UAMS Northwest**. Plus, Fayetteville has so many parks, walking/biking trails, coffee shops and great restaurants. It’s a wonderful place to live!”

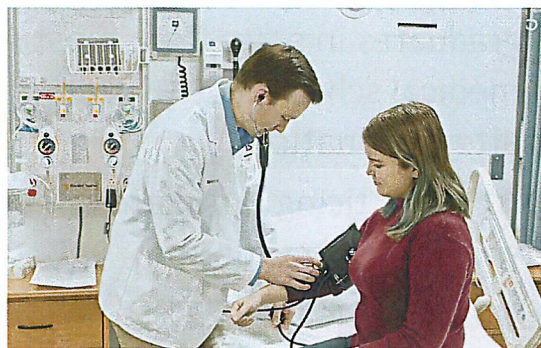
*Kelly Fowler, Class of 2026, Northwest Campus*



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## Three-Year MD Degree Program on NW Campus

- Traditional programs are 4 years
- Unique 3-year program in NWA
- Students interested in primary care
- To move more primary care physicians into practice sooner
- Lowers medical school debt
- Only offered in small % of U.S. MD medical schools



*Spencer Parnell, M.D., 2024 3-year graduate and first-year Family Medicine resident, UAMS Northeast*



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## Dual Degree Programs

- **MD/MPH**
  - 53 current students
- **MD/PhD**
  - 21 current students
- **MD/MBA**
  - Inaugural student in MBA year at UA Walton School of Business (between M2-M3)



*MD/PhD student Sydnye Shuttleworth working in the lab of Dr. Brian Koss*



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## Generating Physicians for Arkansas

- We retain more of our graduates in state than most medical schools – 10+ years after graduation
- 41% practicing in Arkansas 10+ years after graduation
- National mean is 27%



2011 graduate Dr. Shane Lyerly talks to high school students visiting the UAMS Northeast Campus in Jonesboro

Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) 2024 Mission Management Tool  
Data for graduates from academic years 2009-10 – 2013-14



## Primary Care & Rural Physicians for Arkansas

### US News & World Report



#4 nationally – primary care education



#22 nationally – graduates practicing in primary care



#11 nationally – graduates practicing in rural areas



#9 nationally – graduates in Health Professional Shortage Areas



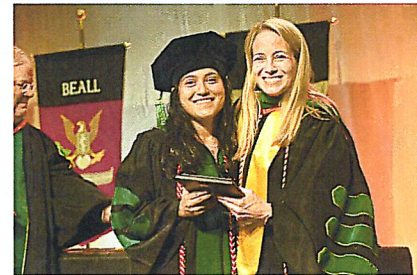
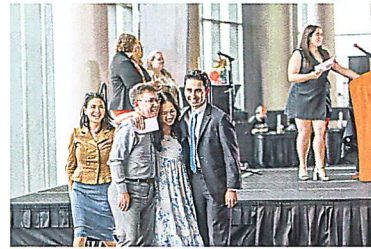
### 2024 AAMC Data

UAMS COM is **above the 90th percentile** for graduates choosing **Family Medicine** or any **Primary Care** specialty:

- **15.3%** in Family Medicine
- **34.5%** in Primary Care

## Class of 2024

- Celebrated a successful **Match Day** for Class of 2024 in March
  - 47% of our students staying in Arkansas for residency
  - 49% entering primary care fields
- 168 new doctors graduated at UAMS in May
- >30 received dual degree (MPH or PhD)



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## New Beginnings – Class of 2028

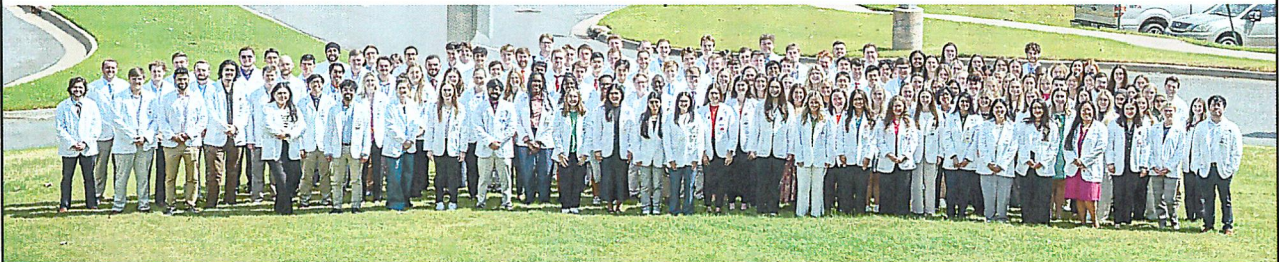
**175** freshmen started in August

- All but 15 are from Arkansas (Non-residents all have AR ties)

**74%** of AR students from medically underserved areas\*

**23%** of AR students from rural areas\*

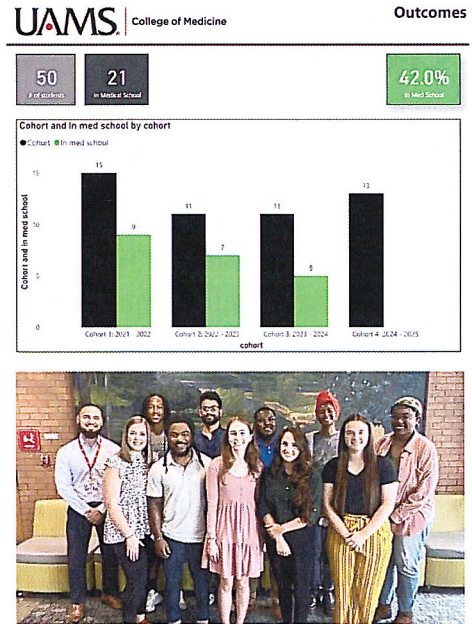
\*Designated on AMCAS applications



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## In the Pipeline: UAMS Post-Baccalaureate Program

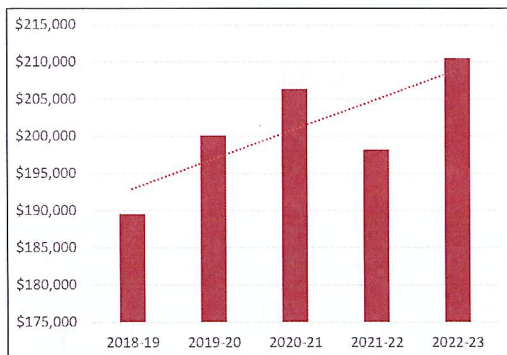
- Medical Scholars in Public Health (MSPH)
- For Arkansans from social, economic or geographically disadvantaged backgrounds
- Potential to become great doctors, but fall short on academic qualifications
- Start work on MPH, plus prep for MCAT and re-application to med school
- Mentoring and other support



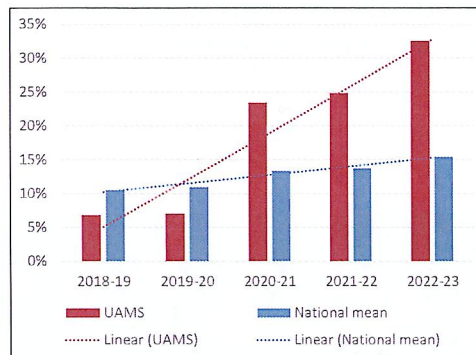
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## Student Debt: A Key Challenge for AR

Mean Medical School Indebtedness for UAMS Indebted Graduates  
Does not include educational debt outside of medical school



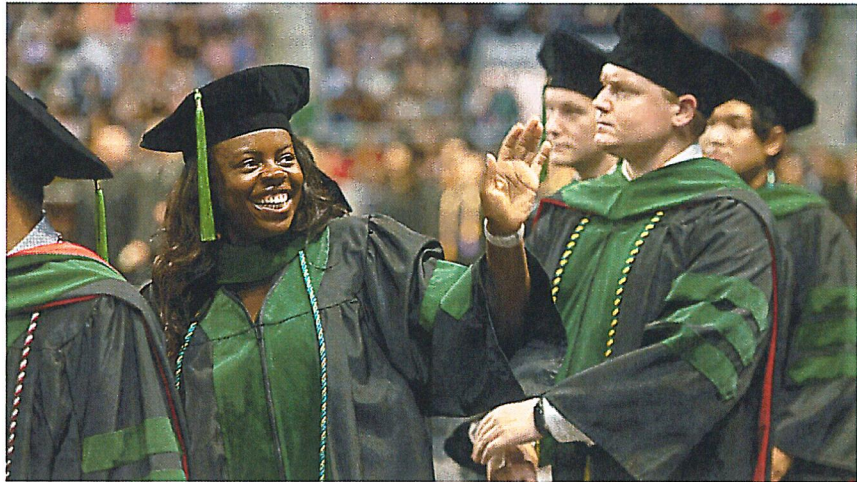
Percent of Graduates with \$250-\$300K Medical School Debt  
UAMS and National Public Medical School Means



Current in-state tuition for COM students is \$34,000/year (tuition only)

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**We're proud of our graduates!**



