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**FMIGS**

**CLASS OF 2023**

*Graduation Ceremony*

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023**

**7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**MUSIC CITY CENTER  
LEVEL 2, ROOM 207 BCD  
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Arnold P. Advincula, MD

FMIGS 2023 President

Columbia University Medical Center

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Dear FMIGS Class of 2023,

On behalf of the FMIGS Board & AAGL, I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Class of 2023. This most auspicious day represents the blood, sweat and tears all of you have invested into countless hours of studying and clinical workload. These incredible experiences are what have shaped all of you into the formidable clinicians, researchers, educators, and surgeons that you are today. We are so excited to celebrate your accomplishments and welcome you into this next chapter of your lives.

As I write this presidential message, I can't help but think about how far this fellowship program has come. As one of the earliest individuals willing to go down the uncharted road of fellowship training in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery, I still vividly remember asking John Steege in 1997 if he would be interested in starting a fellowship in advanced laparoscopy and chronic pelvic pain at UNC-Chapel Hill. Fast forward 26 years later and we are 60 fellowships strong with a graduating class of 53, bringing our total number of graduates since the inception of FMIGS in 2001 to 630.

On one hand it may seem as if your journey has ended but nothing can be further from the truth. Graduation marks the beginning of the rest of your lives as pelvic surgeons and subject matter experts in complex gynecologic conditions. All of you are entering a field that is not only exciting and dynamic but also extremely charged. The role that each one of you has taken as women's health advocates is more important than ever before. Although significant strides have been made in advancing the surgical care of women, gaps still exist accessing skilled

surgeons in an equitable manner whereby all patients are offered the full range of treatment options. Conditions such endometriosis and uterine fibroids are still underdiagnosed and poorly treated. If that isn't enough, research in women's health continues to remain underfunded.

Although challenges exist in the delivery of high-quality gynecologic surgical care, I am both comforted and inspired by the fact that all of you have dedicated yourselves to this calling. Your passion and innovative spirit motivate all of us. This ever-growing movement is what has fueled our quest to obtain recognition as a subspecialty by the American Board of Medical Specialties and ultimately the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. I am proud to call each one of you friend and colleague. Onward, upward and congratulations again to the FMIGS Class of 2023!

Sincerely,

Arnold P. Advincula, MD, FACOG, FACS  
2023 President, FMIGS Board of Directors







# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## FMIGS Commencement Sunday, November 5, 2023

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| 7:00 pm | Welcome and Introduction:<br><i>Andy I. Sokol, MD, AAGL President</i>   |
| 7:05 pm | Foundation of the AAGL Awards:<br><i>Charles E. Miller, MD, FACOG, FAAGL President</i><br><i>Vadim V. Morozov, MD, FAAGL Vice-President</i> |
| 7:10 pm | Presentation of Certificates to Class of 2023<br>and Closing Remarks<br><i>Arnold P. Advincula, MD, FMIGS President</i>                     |
| 8:00 pm | Cocktail Reception  |



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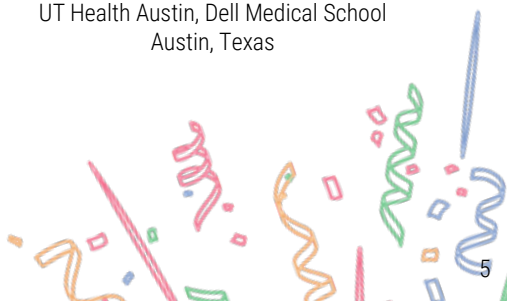
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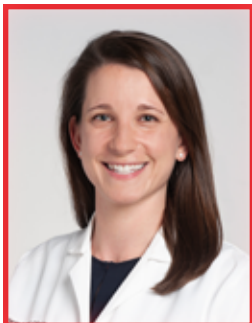
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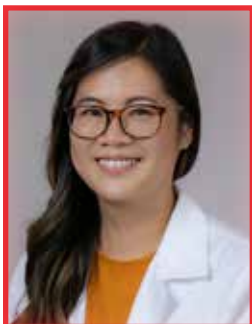
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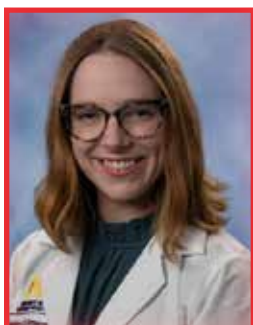
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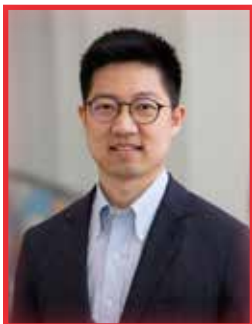


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