



The 2025 graduating class.

UWA MEDICAL SCHOOL



AMA (WA) President Dr Kyle Hoath and Valedictorian Dr Pooja Ramesh.



Honorary Degree recipients Prof Fiona Stanley and Dr Annie Sparrow.

The graduation ceremony for the UWA Medical School was held in Winthrop Hall in December 2025, with 211 students graduating with a Doctor of Medicine, and 39 of those students graduating with Distinction.

Honorary Degrees were awarded to Dr Annie Sparrow, Doctor of the University (Medicine) and AMA (WA) member Professor Fiona Stanley AC, Doctor of Science.

The learning from medicine is like a never-ending ocean, AMA (WA) Prize Winner and Valedictorian Dr Pooja Ramesh told the graduating class.

“ Fellow graduates, it’s been a privilege to learn alongside you and to learn from you. We may not remember every core condition in medicine, though that would be convenient, but we will always remember the friendships and the camaraderie that carried us through. As our time as students at the university draws to a close, I offer these final reflections, insights shared with me over the past seven years that felt particularly apt in view of the journey ahead. Throughout my time in medicine, my grandfathers, or dadas, have been my biggest cheerleaders. On my mother’s side,



The ceremony in Winthrop Hall.



Rhodes Scholar and AMA (WA) member
Dr Shev Dias.



AMA (WA) CEO Dr Bennie Ng.



UWA Medical School Dean Prof Helen Wilcox
and Dr Kyle Hoath.

Dada was an engineer in one of India's leading industrial companies. He believed learning to be an investment that never loses value. With it lies the potential, and often social responsibility, to create meaningful impact in the lives of others. On my father's side, Dada was a hospital administrator involved in setting up a world-class medical institute in India in the '70s. Proudly, he was the institute's very first employee. He tells me learning medicine is like an ocean. It just never ends. And from its depths emerge innovation and discovery.

The message? Keep learning. We've had the privilege of working with incredible clinical teams and incredible patients. The new life we held. The cord we cut. The child who came into the emergency department miserable and in pain, who was now happily raiding our sticker collection after having had their appendix out. The grieving family we offered tissues to when it was time to say goodbye.

The message? People are why we do what we do. Whether it's the patients whose stories we're entrusted with, or the lives touched by our research, people are our purpose. On our very first day of medical school, we received a message from our then program director, now Dean and Head of School, Professor Helen Wilcox. A reminder that fulfilment and longevity in our careers and our lives beyond involves looking after ourselves, recognising that everyone's journey is different. The message? Medicine is a marathon, not a sprint, and it's a team sport.

So, as we move forward and reach for our goals, let's support each other. Let's uplift each other. And of course, take a moment to appreciate the journey and just how far we've come. So once again, congratulations to everyone and thank you to our remarkable university community for giving us this platform to launch into our lives. I wish you all the very best with your future endeavours. Thank you. ■



Members of the class of 2025.

CURTIN MEDICAL SCHOOL (MEDICINE)



Valedictorian Dr Vivek Velaga.

There were 88 graduands from Curtin Medical School (Medicine) in 2025. At the graduation ceremony, AMA (WA) President Dr Kyle Hoath presented the AMA (WA) Hippo Prize for Academic Excellence and Professionalism to Ellen Gamble.

For Valedictorian Dr Vivek Velaga, there was a period of adjustment to coming to WA, then a great pride in being part of the class of 2025.

“ The first half of this year was challenging. A part of this was that I was torn between Perth, the best coast of Australia that I'd grown to love, and Melbourne where my parents were. It was only in June while doing rural general practice in Victoria that I got my answer on where to intern. It came from my dad, who told me he didn't want me to return to Melbourne, and that he'd rather I stayed in Perth. It might sound harsh, but his reasoning was simple. He wanted the best for me, and he'd seen Perth had given me so much in opportunities, community and personal growth. And the start of that lies in the graduating doctors and staff you see seated before you today. I remember standing at pre-orientation feverishly messaging my friend in the East about how everyone had their friend circles already set, and how I was (I think) the only interstate student in our cohort at the time. I remember feeling like this really would be an uphill struggle. Luckily for me, it turned out to be anything but that.

I grew to love the cohort very quickly and felt very welcome from day dot – credit to all of you. Barely a few months into Year 1, this cohort turned into the most special one to ever grace building 410. I'm proud to say that as we all continue to rise through the medical world together, we'll know to say hi to one another, and maybe take a moment or two to joke or recollect some of our CMS memories together.

I wanted to finish by talking about how it's now our turn to create moments for our patients during some of their toughest days in hospital, but time is a bit tight. So, I'd like to do two more things.

Class of 2025, could I please get you standing and facing the back of the hall?

To our CMS staff, the underappreciated backbone of our medical school experience – thank you. Through the years you've received wave after wave of complaints, and many storms in the form of passive aggressive feedback survey responses. But underlying all that is a huge ocean of gratitude we have for you. Each of you has left an imprint on us, as students and graduating doctors, even if we might not realise it now. You've guided us through a very demanding and long course, and put in hours of work behind the scenes, that we forget to appreciate because we don't even realise it happens.

And finally, ladies and gentlemen – standing in front of you are 90 of the best graduates this medical school has seen. If you will, please give it up for the graduating class of 2025! ■



Dr Kyle Hoath with AMA (WA) Prize winner Dr Ellen Gamble.



Members of the class of 2025.

NOTRE DAME SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



Dr Kyle Hoath with AMA (WA) Gold Prize recipient Dr Letisha Carozza.



Former MSAND President and prize recipient Dr Oliver Smith.

AMA (WA) President Dr Kyle Hoath attended the University of Notre Dame School of Medicine awards ceremony, where he presented the AMA (WA) Gold Medal Prize for the Best Student in Year 4 to Dr Letisha Carozza. In all, some 90 students graduated from the School. ■

NOTRE DAME SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 2025 PRIZE RECIPIENTS

Letisha Carozza	The AMA (WA) Gold Medal Prize for Best Student in Year 4
Jeet Mann	The Postgraduate Prize in Pain Medicine
James Naylor-Pratt	The School of Medicine Fremantle Award in Musculoskeletal Medicine
Tara Boyhan	The School of Medicine Fremantle Award in Palliative Care
Matthew Archer	The Dr Bradley Power Prize in Intensive Care
Claire Maloney	The Dr Wally Thompson Prize in Anaesthetics
Charn Thanissorn	The Prize in ENT
Letisha Carozza	The Dr Noel Dougan Prize in Geriatric Medicine
David Vincent	The School of Medicine Fremantle Award in Emergency Medicine
David Mann	The Associate Professor Douglas Cordell Rural Practice Prize
Oliver Smith	The Dr Mark Rooney Memorial Prize in Psychiatry
Letisha Carozza	The School of Medicine Fremantle Heart Patients Support Group Prize for Medicine
Letisha Carozza	The Chandraratna Family Prize for Surgery
Henry Brown	The School of Medicine Fremantle Research Award
Sarah Hennessy	The Clinical Audit Prize
David Mann	The Chandraratna Family Prize for Medicine
Denver Quantrill	The School of Medicine Fremantle Student Contribution Award
Brianna Ozies	The School of Medicine Fremantle Student Resilience Prize
Tim Andrews	The Peter Anderton Memorial Prize
Oliver Smith	The School of Medicine Fremantle Medal