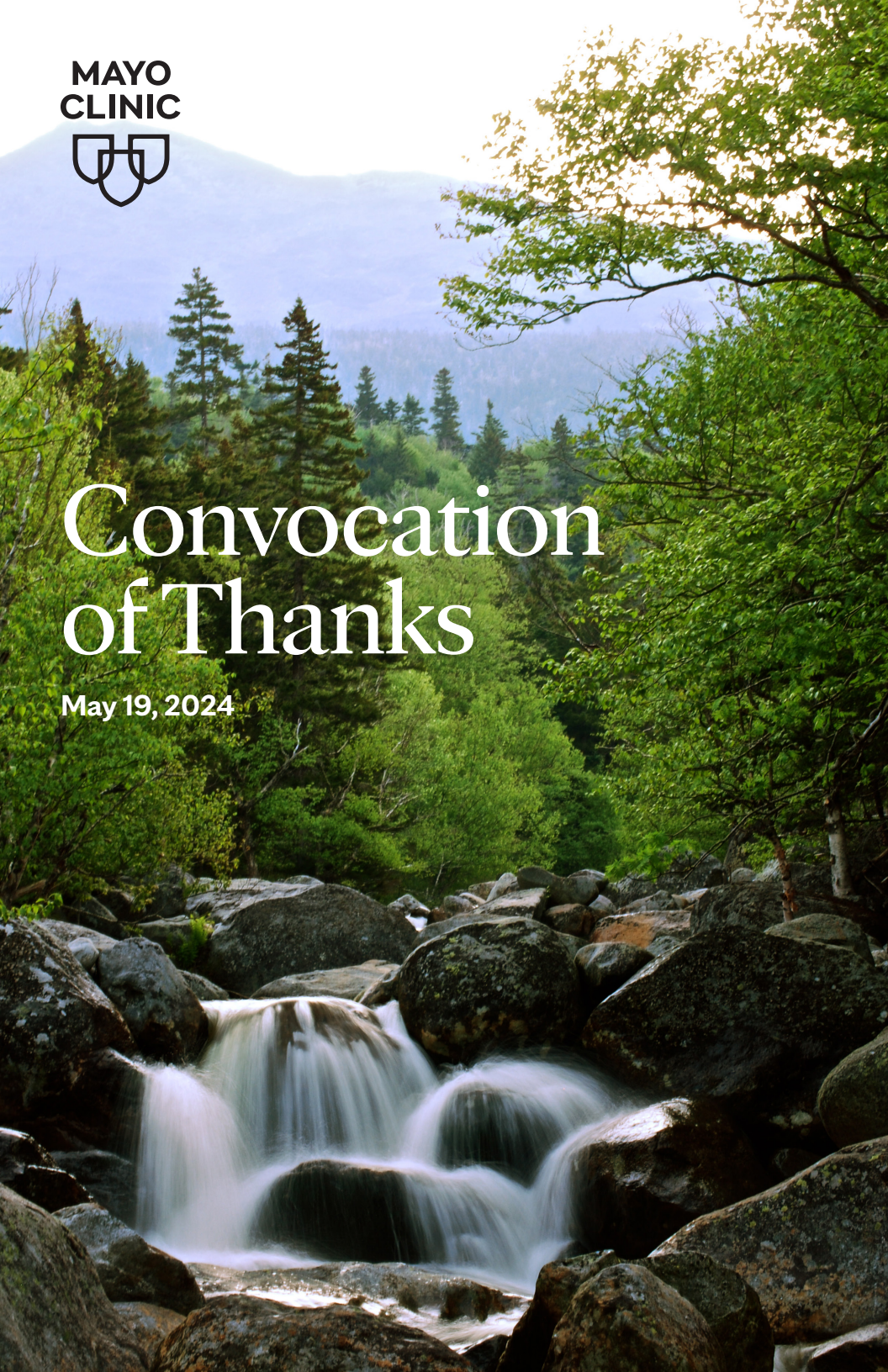




Convocation of Thanks

May 19, 2024



Welcome,

On behalf of the students and faculty of the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine and Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to you all for joining us at the 2024 Convocation of Thanks. We warmly welcome you with the hope that you feel the immense gratitude and respect we hold for both your loved ones and for you, their gracious families and friends. May this gathering serve as an opportunity to reflect upon and celebrate the lives of your cherished ones.

This year, our theme “River Flows in You” resonates deeply with the essence of life and the interconnectedness of generations. Just as a river sustains life around it, your loved ones have nurtured and enriched us in countless ways. We acknowledge the profound impact of their gifts on the education and development of future healthcare professionals. Like tributaries merging to form a powerful river, the contributions of those we honor today converge to shape the journey of aspiring healthcare providers, empowering us to positively impact the lives of many patients.

We invite you to join us in honoring the enduring legacy of your loved ones’ presence in our lives. Much like finding solace under the shade of trees planted by ancestors we never met, may you find comfort and healing in knowing that the seeds of compassion and knowledge sown by those we remember today will continue to flourish in the hearts and minds of future generations.

The Students of the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine and the Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences

2024 Convocation of Thanks Program

Welcome & Faculty Remarks

Ashleigh Skaalen, Donor Program Coordinator, Body Donation Program

Laine Skadsem, Donor Program Coordinator, Body Donation Program

Helga N. Olson, CSA, CSFA, Surgical First Assistant Program

Gustavo L. Knop, M.D., Cardiovascular Surgery

Musical Performance

William Chow, Medical Student

Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine

Reflection

Jackson Adamowicz, Physical Therapy Student

Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences

Reflection

Jocelyn Nelson, Nurse Anesthesia Student

Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences

Reflection

Alec James, Surgical First Assistant Student

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Musical Performance

Mark Prowse, Physical Therapy Student

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Reflection

Jackson Bloch, Medical Student

Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine

Reflection

Ruthy Xu, Medical Student
Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine

Reflection

Sarah Loken, Nurse Anesthesia Student
Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences

Music Performance

Zerahiah Joseph, Medical Student
Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine

Reading of Names

Tucker Diamond-Ames, Medical Student,
Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine

Elyse Hayes, Physical Therapy Student,
Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences

Elizabeth Ingersent, Medical Student,
Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine

Honor Guard

Introduction by

Andy Tom, Medical Student, *Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine*
American Legion Post 92

Closing Remarks

Zach Lovig, MDiv, Mayo Clinic Spiritual Care Department



“As water carves canyon walls and etches river bottoms, it marks history and invokes change upon the land. So, too, do our gracious donors impart knowledge and create changes within our students to shape us into the practitioners of the future. Just as each body of water is unique, with varying levels of depth, clarity and minerals, each donor we work with is unique in stature, trait and story. To contemplate this incredible gift is to ponder their history, their role and their decision to help inform and contribute to medical advancement. They are our patients, our teachers, our mentors, and their gift is one that will live on through the countless lives they have touched. Thank you.”

Katie Fawcett, Nurse Anesthesia Student
Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences

Frederick	Robert	Phyllis	Claire	Leila
Vernon	Joan	Penny	Mike	Byron
Lee	Marvin	Donata	Shirley	Sharon
Kathleen	Richard	Patricia	Connie	Lana
Patricia	Roger	Douglas	William	Roy
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Phyllis	Betty	Larry	Mary	Lisa
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				Lorraine
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Jackie	Ross	Lyle	Daniel	Paul
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Rose	Isabel	Donald	Louise	Elizabeth
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Sheila	Jeff	Virginia	Dianne	Darlene
Jerry	Sara	Karen	Wally	Daniel
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Frank	Kathleen	Duane	Stephen	Dorene
Eugene	Orvey	Donald	Karl	Sue
Cheryl	Jerome	Lois	Clark	Betty
Judith	Robert	Kathleen	Virginia	
Rita	Mercedes	Cassie	Ellen	
Michael	Phyllis	Elaine	Betty	
Mary Ellen				
Charlotte				
Larry				
Dixie				
David				

Names are listed in alphabetical order by last name.

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Jackson Bloch, Medical Student, *Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine*.



“I have had the privilege of working in the anatomy lab during the past few months as a part of my nurse anesthesia training. The selfless act the donors have taken of donating their bodies has created a lasting impact on myself and many other future healthcare professionals’ education/ trainings. I have learned invaluable things from the donors and cannot thank them and their families enough for allowing us this incredible opportunity to learn. The experience and knowledge that we have gained from our lab sessions has been crucial to our training and I will be forever grateful for my lab experience and the gift the body donors have given. My deepest appreciation of the generosity and compassion of the body donors and their families.”

Elise Breunig, Nurse Anesthesia Student
Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences

“The utmost gratitude, respect and thanks is deserved to the families of those who selflessly donate their bodies to science. Their generosity helps advance medical research, education, and ultimately, saves lives. It takes immense courage and compassion to make such a decision during a difficult time. Their loved ones’ contributions have a lasting impact on the scientific community and the future of healthcare. Having the opportunity to learn from the donors has immensely impacted and grown my passion for learning and improving my skills. So, a heartfelt thank you to these remarkable families for their incredible gift to humanity.”

Gabrielle Semerad, Surgical First Assistant Student
Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences

“I want to sincerely thank the donors and their loved ones, for giving students the opportunity to learn from them. Being able to observe and practice with donors is a huge asset to our education and to furthering the field of medicine and training the next generation of health care professionals. Donors are invaluable and there is a large level of respect and gratitude for them. Thank you too, to the family members who graciously awaited being reunited with their loved ones.”

Meghan Hennessey, Surgical First Assistant Student
Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences



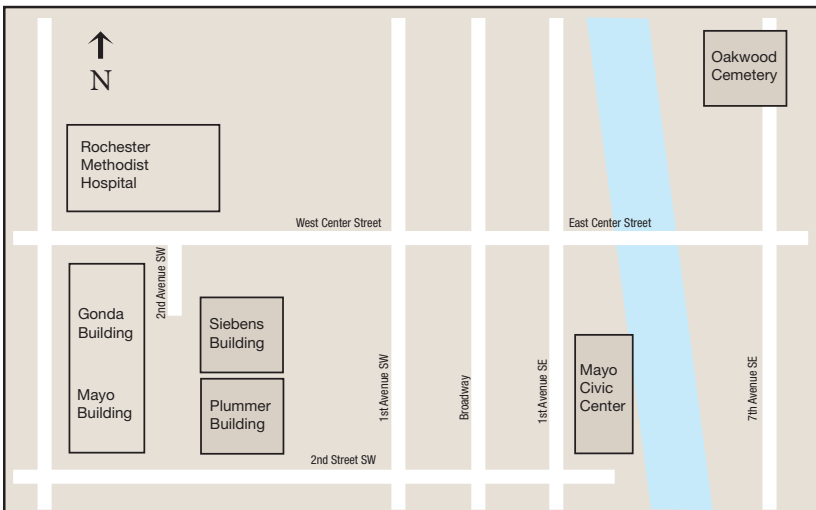


Dedicated to the individuals
who have donated their bodies to
Mayo Foundation for anatomical study
so that others might live.

Mayo Clinic burial vault is located at Oakwood Cemetery

38 Seventh Avenue NE, Rochester, Minnesota

- From the convocation (Mayo Civic Center), take First Avenue SE (north to East Center Street
- Turn right (east) onto East Center Street
- Turn left (north) onto Seventh Avenue NE
- Oakwood Cemetery will be straight ahead approximately two blocks
- The vaults are approximately 50 yards west of the entrance of the cemetery and can be found by taking an immediate left inside the main gate.





“At the close of a man’s life, to estimate his worth it is wise to see him in relation to his life surroundings, to know not only the part he played as an individual, but also as a component part of the great events to which he contributed in the betterment of mankind.”

– *Dr. William Mayo*

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