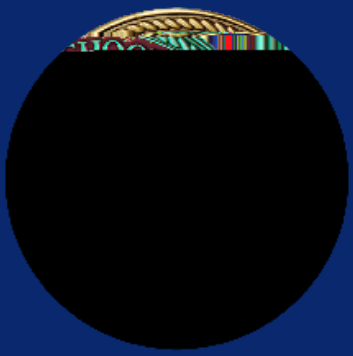

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Saturday, May 18, 2024

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President and CEO, Morehouse School of Medicine
Presiding

Prelude ..... "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"
Fred Bock

Call to Order ..... John Patrickson, PhD
Grand Marshal
Professor and Vice Chair
Department of Neurobiology

*Processional ..... "War March of the Priests"
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

Invocation ..... Marvin L. Crawford, MD, MDiv, FACP
Chaplain
Associate Professor, Internal Medicine

Greetings ..... Arthur R. Collins
Chair, Board of Trustees
Morehouse School of Medicine

Class Remarks ..... Sonya Randolph
SGA President, MD Class of 2024

Introduction of the Speaker .....Joseph A. Tyndall, MD, MPH
Executive Vice President for Health A airs and Dean

Commencement Address .....Anthony “Tony” Welters
CINQCARE Inc. Founder, Chairman, and CEO,
Executive Chairman of BlackIvy Group and

* *e audience is requested to remain seated at this time. We request that you remain seated during the processional and recessional so we may all see the graduates. e audience is requested not to come forward to take pictures during the Commencement Ceremony. e school's photographer will take individual photos of the graduates during the awarding of degrees.*

\+ *You may enter the amphitheater at this time.*

Conferring Of Degrees

Master of Public Health	Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD, FACOG *President and CEO* Joseph A. Tyndall, MD, MPH *Executive Vice President for Health A airs and Dean*
International Declaration of Health Rights	Stephanie Miles-Richardson, DVM, PhD *Associate Dean, Graduate Education in Public Health* *Director, Master of Public Health Program* *Professor, Department of Public Health Education*
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Marshals

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Eboni Dotson, PhD

Rita Finley, PhD

Jaleesa Garth, PhD

Sarah Greene, PhD

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Khadeja J. Johnson, MD, FACP

Amy Lovejoy Mork, PhD

Joel Okoli, MD, MPH, FACS

Mr. Welters currently serves as Executive Chairman of the BlackIvy Group, LLC. BlackIvy builds and grows commercial enterprises in Sub-Saharan Africa, including logistics and infrastructure solutions and businesses that serve the growing consumer class. He is also Co-Founder and Chairman of Somatus, Inc., a leading provider of value-based kidney solutions to payors, health systems, and other organizations seeking alternatives to traditional fee for service dialysis.

An industry veteran for over four decades, Mr. Welters founded AmeriChoice in 1989. When the successful health care company was acquired by UnitedHealth Group in 2002, Mr. Welters joined UHG serving as Senior Adviser to the O ce of the CEO, Executive Vice President and Member of the O ce of the CEO, retiring in 2016. He also led UHG's Public and Senior Markets Group.

Mr. Welters currently serves on the public boards of e Carlyle Group, Loews Corporation, and Gilead Sciences, Inc. Mr. Welters previously served as a director West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc. from 1997 to 2016 and C.R. Bard, Inc. from 1999 to 2017. He is Trustee Emeritus of the Morehouse School of Medicine Board of Trustees, Chairman Emeritus of the Board of the New York University School of Law, as well as Vice Chairman of the Board of New York University, a Trustee of NYU Langone Medical Center, Vice Chair of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and a founding member of the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Mr. Wel

Graduate Education in Public Health

Master Of Public Health

A

Research Title: Implicit Bias E ects on Black Maternal Mortality in Kansas

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Research Title: Using a Reproductive Life Plan tool to Promote Preconception Health among Underserved Populations by Healthcare Professionals in Georgia Public Health Clinics

A B

Research Title: Combating the Determinants of Major Depressive Disorder in Adolescents

B

Research Title: Sociodemographic Disparities in Self-Reported History of Physical Abuse among US Adults Aged 18 and older

A***

Research Title: Identifying and Reducing Barriers to Breastfeeding among Black Women in the United States with the Ultimate Goal of Reducing eir Risk of Reproductive Cancers

D

Research Title: Lack of Social Support and Postpartum Depression Among African American Women in the United States

C

Research Title: Accessibility to Maternal Healthcare in Rural Georgia: Helping Our Mothers Advocacy Plan

M

Research Title: Faith in Motion: Managing Hypertension with Purpose

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Research Title: Walkability Factors Associated with Self-Reported Cancer Diagnosis among Adults aged 18 years and older in the United States

C M C

Graduate Education in Biomedical Sciences

Master of Science in Biomedical Research

B A

esis Title: Nuclear Factor Kappa Transactivates FOSL1 Transcriptional Factor to Promote Glioma Cells Proliferation and Invasion

Research Advisor: Mingli Liu, MD, PhD, MSCR

Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, Biochemistry and. Immunology

M

esis Title: e Impact of Cortisol on Placental Function and Immunity

Research Advisor: Erica L. Johnson, PhD

Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, Biochemistry, and Immunology, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

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esis Title: Determining e Role of Sleep on Chlamydial Pathogenesis

Research Advisor: Yusuf Omosun, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, Biochemistry, and Immunology

Master of Science in Clinical Research

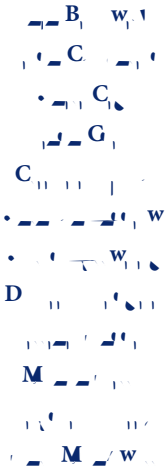
A

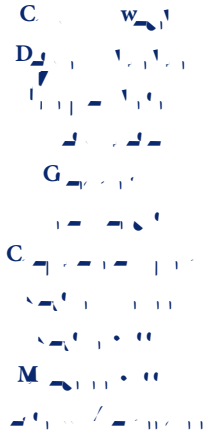
Dissertation Title: Interplay Between Serum and Glucocorticoid-Inducible Kinase-1 and Mitochondrial Calcium Uniporter in Obesity-related Cardiometabolic Dysfunction

Research Advisor: Sharon Francis, PhD

Associate Professor, Dept. of Physiology, and the Cardiovascular

Master of Science in Medical Sciences





Master of Science in Neuroscience

esis Title: Isolating Speci c Gene Expression in Retinal Cells in using Single-Cell RNA Sequencing
Research Advisor: Robert Meller, D.Phil BSc
Professor, Department of Neurobiology, Pharmacology and Toxicology Neuroscience Institute

esis Title: Investigating the E ect of Increased Temperature on Mitochondrial Function and Neurotoxicity Markers in Co-Exposure to Fluoride and Lead
Research Advisor: Kennie Shepherd, PhD
Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Neuroscience Institute

esis Title: e E ects of Cigarette Smoke and HIV-1 Factors on the Integrity and Permeability of Blood-Brain Barrier Endothelial Cells
Research Advisor: Walter Royal III, MD
Professor and Chair, Department of Neurobiology, Neuroscience Institute

Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences

A

Dissertation Title: Interplay Between Serum and Glucocorticoid-Inducible Kinase-1 and Mitochondrial Calcium Uniporter in Obesity-related Cardiometabolic Dysfunction
Research Advisor: Sharon Francis, PhD
Associate Professor, Department of Physiology, and the Cardiovascular Research Institute

A B

Dissertation Title: Role of miR-451a and let-7i-5p- loaded extracellular vesicles in in ammation, Plasmodium growth and malaria pathogenesis
Research Advisor: Adel Driss, PhD
Associate Professor, Department of Physiology

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Stanford Health Care-CA
Radiation Oncology
Stanford, CA

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To Be Announced

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Internal Medicine

Members of the Class of 2024

B
Pediatrics/ACMC
Advocate Health Care
Oak Lawn, IL

A +++
Internal Medicine
Emory University School of Medicine
Atlanta, GA

+++
General Surgery
Icahn School of Medicine at
Mount Sinai Hospital
New York, NY

M
Internal Medicine
University Connecticut School of Medicine
Farmington, CT

M
To Be Announced

M
General Surgery
University South Florida Morsani
College of Medicine
Tampa, FL

M **M** ++
Neurology
Morehouse School of Medical
Atlanta, GA

wM
Medicine-Preliminary
Meharry/Metro General Hospital
Nashville, TN

A **M**
Psychiatry
St Francis-Emory Healthcare
Columbus, GA

B
Internal Medicine
UPMC Mercy Hospital
Pittsburgh, PA

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Internal Medicine
Morehouse School of Medicine
Atlanta, GA

C
Emergency Medicine
St Agnes Medical Center
Fresno, CA

Pediatrics
University Texas Medical School
Houston, TX

C **w** +++
Anesthesiology
Emory University School of Medicine
Atlanta, GA

C
Internal Medicine
University Maryland Medical Center
Baltimore, MD

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Internal Medicine
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Atlanta, GA

w
Pediatrics
Kaiser Permanente Northern California
Oakland, CA

C
To Be Announced

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Medicine-Preliminary
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General Surgery/NYU Man
NYU Grossman School Of Medicine +++
New York, NY

Pediatrics
Emory University School of Medicine
Atlanta, GA

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Pediatrics
University Alabama Medical Center
Birmingham, AL

M ++
Family Medicine
Morehouse School of Medicine
Atlanta, GA

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Otolaryngology
University Minnesota Medicine School
Minneapolis, MN

M
Obstetrics-Gynecology
Morehouse School of Medicine
Atlanta, GA

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Anesthesiology/Clin Base Yr
University Washington A liated Hospital
Seattle, WA

w
UC San Francisco – CA
Dermatology
San Francisco, CA

-B
Internal Medicine/Kennestone
WellStar Health System
Marietta, GA

Obstetrics-Gynecology
Mount Sinai Medical Center
Miami Beach, FL

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Internal Medicine/UIH
University Illinois College of Medicine
Chicago, IL

To Be Announced

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Emory Univ SOM-GA
Radiology-Diagnostic ++
Atlanta, GA

Neurological Surgery
Emory University School of Medicine
Atlanta, GA

Internal Medicine
Morehouse School of Medicine
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Emergency Medicine
Medical College of Georgia
Augusta, GA

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D
Psychiatry
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Psychiatry
University Washington A liated Hospital
Seattle, WA

A
Family Medicine
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, VA

To Be Announced

* Residency to begin in 2025
*** Delta Omega Honor Society in Public Health
\+ MPH Honor Graduate
\++ Cum Laude Honors
\+++ Magna Cum Laude Honors
\++++ Summa Cum Laude Honors

I [illegible] this opportunity to follow the di cult and rewarding path of biomedical science and clinical research.

I w[illegible] honor all those who have contributed to this opportunity by always working to the utmost of my abilities and by increasing those abilities when possible.

I w[illegible] advance fundamental knowledge about all living things.

I [illegible] to use my energy, intellect and education to enhance the lives of all mankind, understanding that o en the greatest strides are made through e orts to assist the dispossessed and underprivileged in our world.

I w[illegible]

The Hippocratic Oath

that as a graduate of Morehouse School of Medicine, according to my ability and judgment, I will keep the following oath:.

those who have taught me this art and will teach the art to all those who qualify as students;

which, according to my ability and judgment, I consider for the bene t of my patients, and will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous;

of my life and my art. In every house where I come, I will enter only for the good of my patients, keeping myself from all intentional ill doing and seduction;

in the exercise of my profession, which ought not to be spread abroad, I will keep secret and will never reveal;

, may I enjoy my life and practice my art, respected by all people and in all times; but if I trespass and violate this oath, may the reverse be my lot.

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Associate Dean, Graduate Education
in Biomedical Science
Associate Professor, Department of
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Senior Associate Dean,
Educational A airs
Professor of Medicine

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Associate Dean for Clinical Services at
the Veterans A airs

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Associate Dean, Educational Outreach
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Science In Medical Sciences Degree
Associate Professor, Department of
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Chair and Associate Professor
of Pediatrics

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Associate Dean for Admissions

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Chair and Professor
Medical Education

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Associate Dean for Graduate
Medical Education

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“The Star-Spangled Banner”

Francis Scott Key

O say can you see by the dawn’s early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous ght,
O’er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our ag was still there;
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe’s haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o’er the towering steep,
As it tfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning’s rst beam,
In full glory re ected now shines in the stream:
‘Tis the star-spangled banner, O! long may it wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

James Weldon Johnson

Li Every voice and sing

‘Til the earth and Heaven ring,

Ring with the harmonies of liberty,

Let our rejoicing rise

High as the listening skies,

Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;

Facing the rising sun

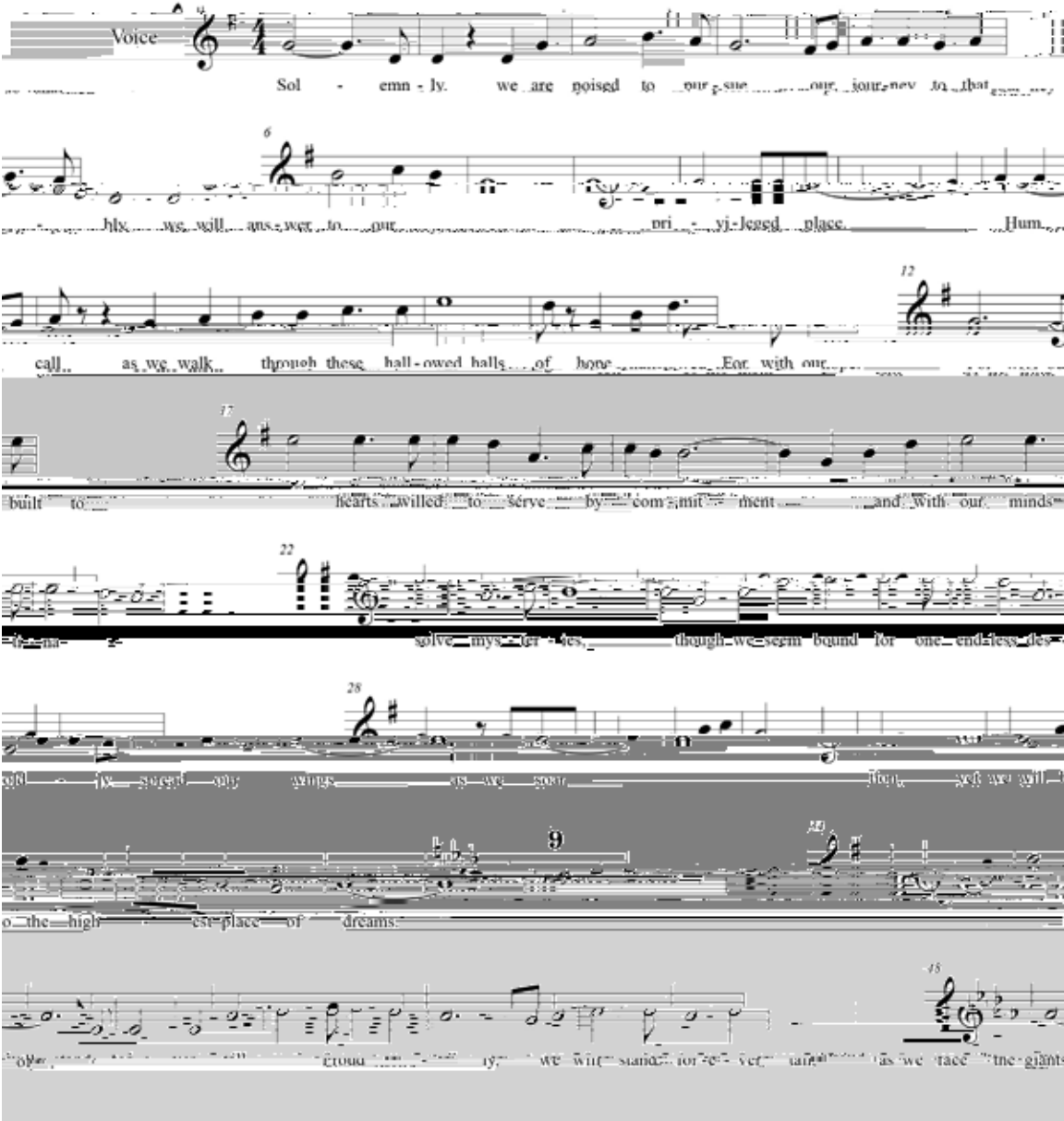
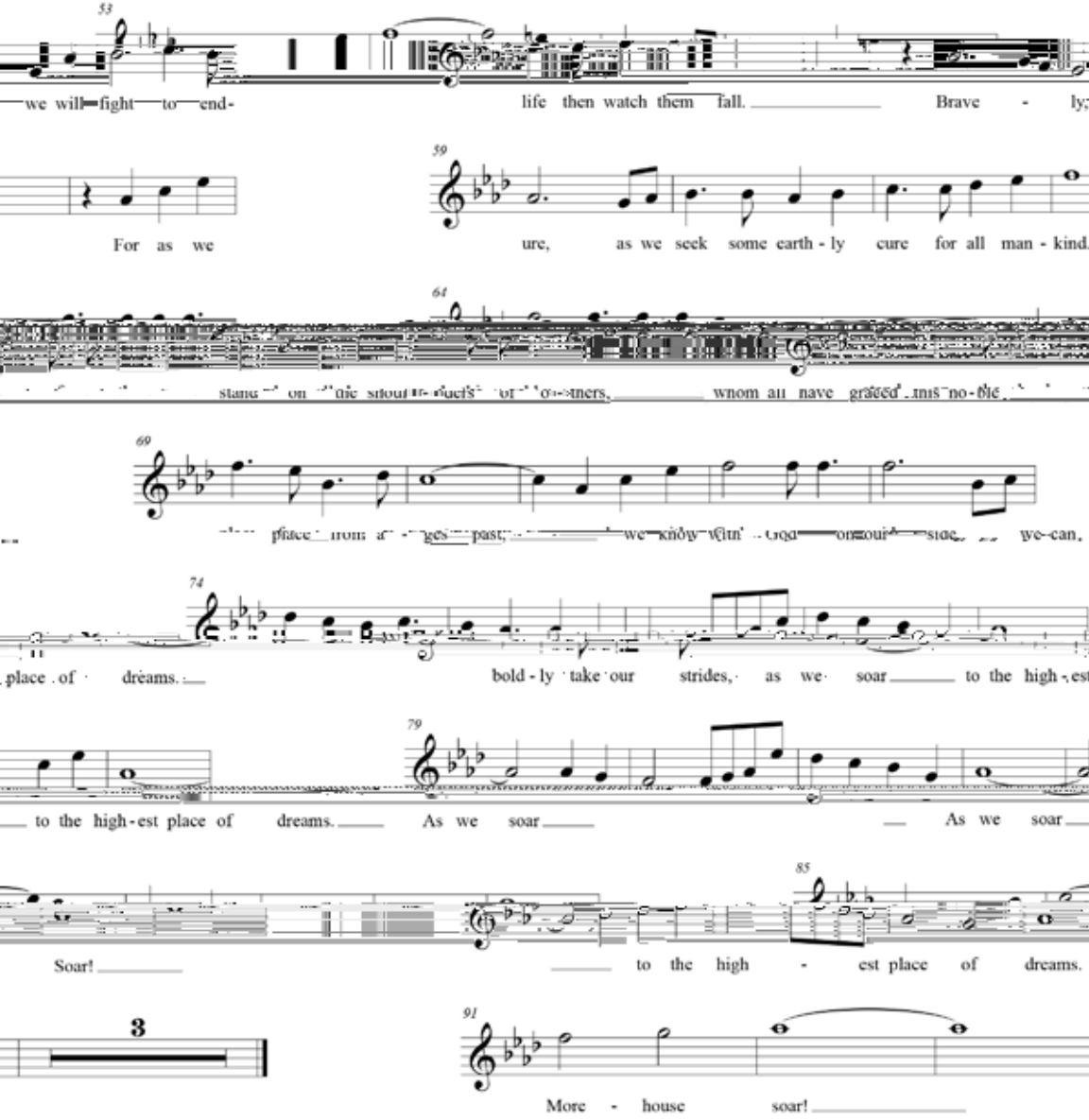
Of our new day begun,

Let us march on ‘til victory is won.

Morehouse School of Medicine made every e ort to provide a complete and accurate listing of graduates and academic honors as of May 10, 2024. Please accept our sincere apologies if we have committed an error or omission.

“SOAR”

(To the Highest Place of Dreams)

Jerry Peters

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we will fight to end- life then watch them fall. Brave - ly;
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For as we ure, as we seek some earth - ly cure for all man - kind.
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place from a - ges past; we know with God on our side we can,
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place of dreams. bold - ly take our strides, as we soar to the high - est
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Soar! to the high - est place of dreams.
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