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## U OF I COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AT PEORIA GRADUATION 2015

**PEORIA** – (May 1, 2015) Fifty-four University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria students will receive their medical degrees on Saturday, May 2 at the Peoria Civic Center.

**WHEN:**           **Saturday, May 2.**  
                          **Processional Lineup at 1:40 p.m.; Ceremony begins at 2 p.m.**

**WHERE:**       **Peoria Civic Center 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Ballroom**

**MEDIA:**       **Interviews available prior to the ceremony**

Among some of this year's graduates include a student from Kewanee who is entering a special rural surgery program; an Iraq war veteran headed into a Navy residency program; a Tremont student who helped support herself by running her own Mary Kay business while in medical school; three women who matched to same training program in Southern California; and an amateur glass artist.

In 1970, the School of Medicine in Peoria was formed and three years later in 1973, the first convocation ceremony for the inaugural graduating class of 18 students was held.

On Saturday, UICOMP will have graduated more than 1,850 medical students, many of whom continue to provide care in central Illinois. This year, four students will continue onto their residency training in Peoria before they go into practice: one in emergency medicine, one in internal medicine, and two in pediatrics.

One of four campuses that comprise the largest public medical school in the U.S., the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria educates more than 150 medical students annually and has 20 graduate medical programs. It also is home to the cutting-edge Cancer Research Center and a collaborator in the Jump Trading Simulation and Education Center.

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