Dear Medical School Student:

We are providing a model below to assist you if you wish to write a graduation announcement and send it to your hometown newspaper. This is a suggested format; feel free to amend it to convey all the appropriate personal information. We wish you much success and happiness.

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# *Date*

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June 5, 2022

Local resident receives medical degree from UMass Chan Medical School

WORCESTER, MA— *Graduate’s nam*e of *city/town* received a Doctor of Medicine degree from [the T.H. Chan School of Medicine](https://www.umassmed.edu/som/) at [UMass Chan Medical School](https://umassmed.edu/) during the 49th annual Commencement ceremony held on the university’s Worcester campus on Sunday, June 5, 2022. *He/she/they* is the *son/daughter/child* of *parents’ names* of *city/town of residence*.

*Graduate’s last name* earned *his/her/their* undergraduate degree from *name of undergraduate school* in *year*.

Following graduation, *graduate’s last name* will serve *his/her* residency in *medical specialty* at *name of hospital* in *city/state*.

UMass Chan was created in l962 by an act of the Massachusetts legislature to enable state residents to study medicine at an affordable cost and to increase the number of primary care physicians practicing in underserved areas of the state. Located in Worcester, New England’s second largest city, the School of Medicine accepted its first class of 16 students in 1970. The Medical School’s Class of 2022 has more than 160 graduates.

UMass Chan, one of five campuses of the University of Massachusetts system, comprises of the [T.H. Chan School of Medicine](https://www.umassmed.edu/som/), [the Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences](https://www.umassmed.edu/gsbs/), and [the Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing](https://www.umassmed.edu/gsn/). UMass Chan’s mission is to advance the health and wellness of our diverse communities throughout Massachusetts and across the world by leading and innovating in education, research, health care delivery and public service. In doing so, it has built a reputation as a world-class research institution and as a leader in primary care education, perennially ranked in the top 10 percent of medical schools for primary care by *U.S. News and World Report*. UMass Chan attracts more than $400 million annually in research funding, placing it among the top 50 medical schools in the nation.  In 2021, the Medical School received a $175 million donation from The Morningside Foundation and was renamed the UMass Chan Medical School. For more information, visit [www.umassmed.edu](http://www.umassmed.edu/).

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