

BURRELL COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES | SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE (BCSOM)

Strengthening New Mexico's Healthcare: Impact, Progress, and Opportunities



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Para la gente y el futuro: For the people and the future.

Burrell College of Health Sciences educates a diverse osteopathic physician and healthcare workforce committed to improving the quality and access to healthcare in underserved communities.



As the nation's first medical school developed under a private investor / public university partnership model, the College is focused on increasing diversity in the physician workforce and fostering a practice of life-long learning, compassion, respect and excellence in its students.

Our Commitment to Diversity & Philanthropy

Burrell College's School of Osteopathic Medicine (BCSOM) is ranked #1 in the nation among all osteopathic medical schools for percentage of underrepresented minority medical students (2025).

36%

Underrepresented minority
(URM) students (2025)



14%

National average across DO and
MD medical schools

The Coalition for Osteopathic Excellence (COE) serves as the supporting foundation for Burrell College, providing philanthropic resources that advance the College's mission through student scholarships, physician workforce development initiatives, community engagement programs, and other strategic investments in medical education and healthcare.

Our Social Impact: Graduate Outcomes

1,030

BCSOM physician graduates
(2020 - 2026)

*Note: 72% still in residency &
fellowship programs*

91%

BCSOM's Overall Graduation
Rate (2020 – 2026)

99.7%

BCSOM physician graduates
placed into residencies

65%

BCSOM physician graduates placed
into the following residencies:
*Family Medicine, Internal Medicine,
Pediatrics, Psychiatry, OB/GYN*

30%

BCSOM physician graduates placed
into residencies in the Southwest
Region (NM, AZ, TX)

28%

BCSOM Alumni Practicing in NM
*Note: 75 out of 268 who have
completed their residency or
fellowship program since 2023*

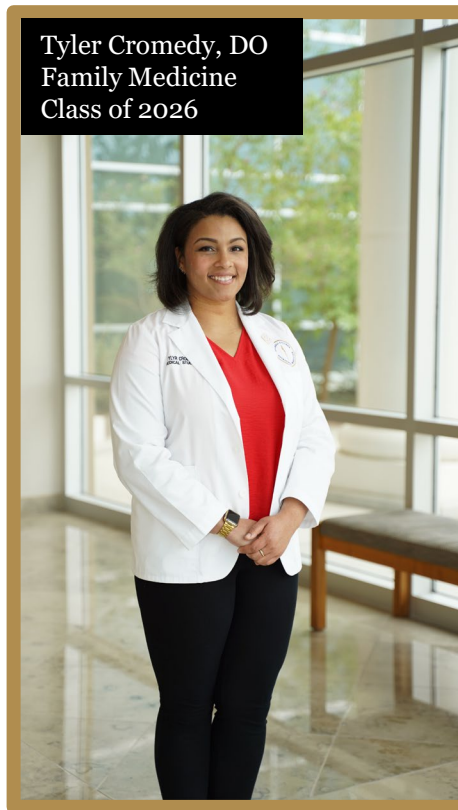
Burrell attracts more than 200 new medical students annually to Las Cruces, many from outside New Mexico, creating a unique opportunity to showcase our communities, healthcare systems, and quality of life to future physicians who may ultimately choose to remain in and serve our state as already evidenced to date.

Primary Care Residency Placements (2020–2026)

Specialty	Placements
Internal Medicine	273
Family Medicine	215
Pediatrics	84
Psychiatry	60
OB/GYN	35
Total	667 (65%)



Tyler Cromedy, DO
Family Medicine
Class of 2026



Note: The New Mexico Human Services Department includes Psychiatry in its primary care classification.

Additional Residency Placements (2020–2026)

Beyond primary care, our graduates matched across a broad range of specialties:

Emergency Medicine

General Surgery

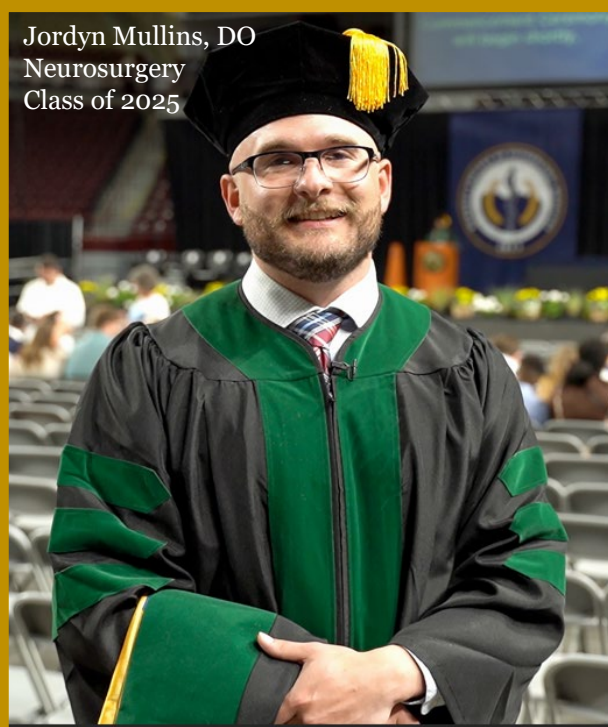
Physical Medicine & Rehab

Orthopedic Surgery

Ophthalmology

Neurosurgery

Jordyn Mullins, DO
Neurosurgery
Class of 2025



Anesthesia

Neurology

Urology

Dermatology

Pathology

Vascular Surgery

Annual Economic Contributions (2026)

Indicator	Amount
Budgeted salaries and benefits	\$27,400,000
Budgeted FTEs (Faculty and Staff)	185
Average salary with benefits	\$148,100
Total Operating Expense Budget	\$49,700,000



Economic Impact of “One” New Physician

17.07 jobs

Supported in the economy by the average physician,
including their own

\$1,417,958

Average annual wages and benefits supported per
physician

For every 100 new physicians who graduate and remain in New Mexico to practice, the annual economic contribution to the State would be \$141,795,800. This does not include the cost savings from improved community health and the reduction in emergency room visits and hospitalizations.

Burrell College's Direct Investment in New Mexico (2016 - 2026):

Contributions and Investments	Amount
GRT Tax Payments <i>(Based on current receipts and projected through 6/30/2027. Current amount is trending to \$3.5 million in GRT payments per year)</i>	\$25 million
Campus Infrastructure <i>(building and equipment)</i>	\$35+ million

From its beginnings in Las Cruces, Burrell College has grown into a multi-state institution with locations in New Mexico and Florida. By expanding while maintaining its headquarters and founding campus in Las Cruces, Burrell is strengthening a nationally recognized brand that was built in New Mexico and continues to advance healthcare workforce development and improve access to care in underserved communities across the nation.

Institutional Growth

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Since its inception, Burrell College's long-term strategy has been to build a comprehensive health sciences institution capable of addressing evolving healthcare workforce demands. The establishment of the Burrell College of Health Sciences and its two schools, the School of Osteopathic Medicine and the School of Health Professions, represents a significant milestone in that journey and demonstrates our continued commitment to education, innovation, and community impact.

Innovative Proposed Projects:

Burrell College has applied for the following grants under the NM Healthcare Authority's Rural Transformation (RHT) Program:

1. **Rural Health Innovation Fund**

Designed to implement an innovative statewide strategy that strengthens New Mexico's rural physician workforce. We offered a proposal to develop an integrated education-to-practice model that would support physicians from medical school through residency and into sustained rural practice, creating a seamless pipeline to improve access to care in underserved communities. In collaboration with health care providers across the state, we would lead a redesign of the physician development pipeline by strengthening rural undergraduate medical education (UME) clinical training sites, establishing a statewide Graduate Medical Education (GME) Technical Assistance Center, and implementing practice establishment incentives that help physicians launch careers in rural and underserved communities

2. **Rooted in New Mexico**

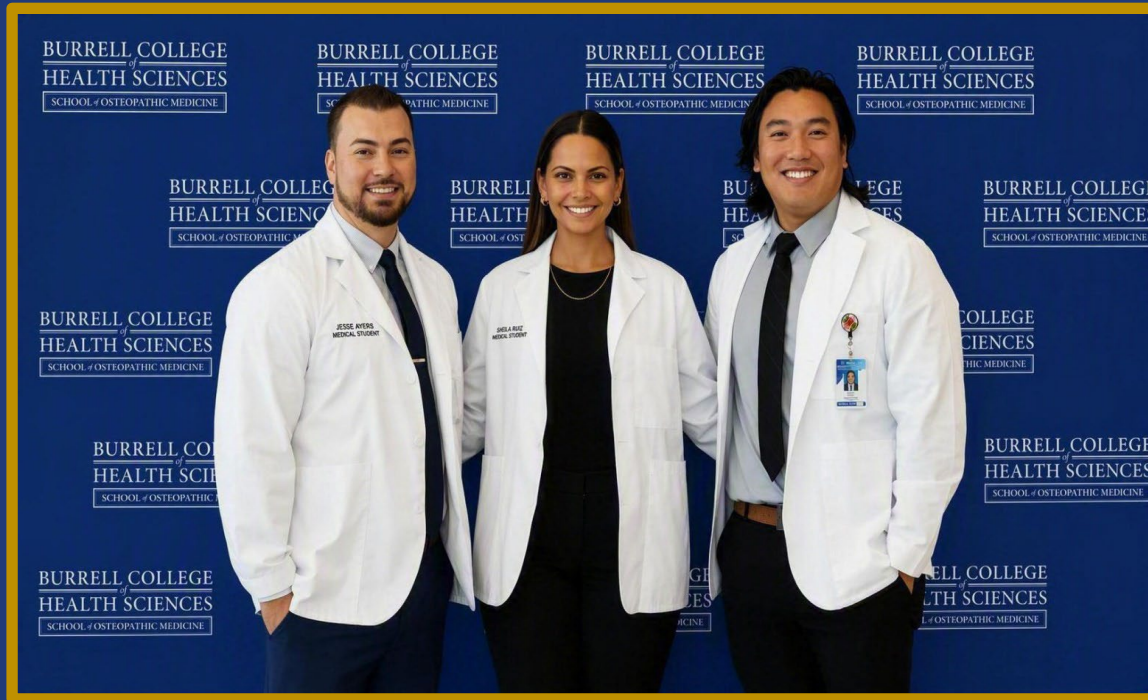
We are proposing to serve as a contractor to the NM Health Care Authority (HCA) to provide specialized GME and rural training network administration and support through a Statewide GME Network Hub. We would support HCA in strengthening rural GME infrastructure, rural residency development, rural training site readiness, preceptor and faculty infrastructure, GME partner coordination, succession planning, and sustainability.

Our Requests of the Rural Development and Economic Development and Policy Committee

1. Support the continued and sustained funding for Burrell College's state appropriation the the NMHED. The appropriations have provided continued funding to improve access to healthcare through the community activity of medical schools. Our past allocations: \$1.5 million (2024), \$3 million (2025), \$1.5 million (2026).

We are requesting \$3 million for 2027 and to place into a GRO reoccurring plan for a total of \$9 million over a three-year period.

2. Support continued funding for the Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Fund Act at \$25 million. Consider a trust fund.



Thank You

Questions?

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