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Pulitzer Prize-Winning New York Times Columnist Nicholas Kristof Will Deliver Commencement Address at Ross University School of Medicine

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MIRAMAR, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ross University School of Medicine's (RUSM) 2015 commencement ceremony will feature guest speaker Nicholas Kristof, the Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times columnist and noted advocate for global human rights and health. The event will take place Saturday, May 30, at 9 a.m. at the BankUnited Center in Coral Gables, Florida.

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Ross University School of Medicine's 2015 commencement ceremony features guest speaker Nicholas Kristof, the Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times columnist and noted advocate for global human rights and health. (Photo: Business Wire)

"At Ross University, we strive to provide a rich learning experience that encourages our graduates to bring a global perspective and appreciation for diversity to their careers in medicine," said RUSM dean and chancellor Joseph A. Flaherty, M.D. "These men and women leave Ross as citizens of a changing world, prepared to do their part to improve the health and well-being of the communities in which they practice. We are honored to welcome Nicholas Kristof to share this special day with our graduates and their families; his work to expose and address challenges to human rights and social justice around the world is a wonderful example for our graduates looking to make a difference in the lives around them."

Kristof, who has worked at The New York Times since 1984, has been recognized internationally for his reporting on issues such as the Darfur conflict, the pro-democracy student movement in China and human trafficking. He has a large following on social media and writes a twice-weekly column focusing on global health, poverty and gender issues in the developing world.

This year, more than 800 RUSM graduates earned residency positions in hospitals across the United States and Canada. Over two-thirds of those new residents will launch careers in pediatrics, internal medicine and family medicine.

About Ross University School of Medicine

Ross University School of Medicine (RUSM), founded in 1978, is committed to educating a diverse group of skilled physicians to serve as leaders in the U.S. healthcare system. With more than 11,000 alumni, RUSM has become an important part of healthcare education in the United States. Students complete their foundational studies in Dominica, West Indies, before completing their clinical training in one of RUSM's affiliated teaching hospitals throughout the U.S. RUSM is accredited by the Dominican Medical Board and the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and Other Health Professions.

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