



**Philbert Johanns Ford**

## Ford receives medical degree

Philbert Johanns Ford, a native of Winnsboro, received his Doctor of Medicine degree at the 171st commencement ceremony at the Medical University of South Carolina held May 19, on the Medical University campus in Charleston.

Approximately 738 students graduated from the university's six colleges. The commencement speaker was Dr. Randolph D. Smoak Jr., president-elect of the American Medical Association.

Ford is the son of Paul J. and Thelma S. Ford. He has three older siblings, Paul J. Ford, Jr., of Hyattsville, MD, Perdita J. Ford-Melendez of East Hartford, CT, and Ponya J. Ford of Winnsboro.

His paternal grandparents are the late Ernest and Estelle H. Ford. His maternal grandparents are the late Olie and Nina C. Sampson.

A graduate of Fairfield Central High School, he received his B.S. degree in biology from Morehouse College in Atlanta.

Before entering medical school at MUSC, he taught in the Adult Education Program with the Fairfield County School District.

Dr. Ford will begin his residency program in the Department of Internal Medicine at the College of Medicine, University of South Florida in Tampa, FL. During his internship, he will serve patients at Tampa General Hospital, James A. Haley Veterans Hospital and the Moffitt Cancer Center.

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