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## Fallen in the Face of COVID-19: Graduates of Cuba's Latin American School of Medicine (ELAM)

## **Gail Reed MS**

The 2020 fall semester at Havana's Latin American School of Medicine (ELAM) began on an especially somber note: honoring 17 of its alumni felled as they battled COVID-19 in their home countries and beyond. A few were recent graduates among the 30,047 from 118 countries who received scholarships from Cuba to study medicine at ELAM. Others were members of its first graduating class in 2005.

Their service on the front lines during the pandemic reflects the school's mission to train low-income students the world over who pledge to care for communities and their patients, irre-

spective of ability to pay...and often in public health facilities at no charge.

**MEDICC Review** joins fellow ELAM graduates, students and faculty in paying tribute to the service of these talented, dedicated young health professionals, and expresses our deepest condolences to their families, friends, colleagues and mentors.

Many of the pictures in this photo-feature are not publication quality. That's not why they were taken. Rest in peace, service, and confidence in the fact that health for all is possible.



**Dr. Ericka Julissa Flores Torres** (1981–2020) Peru ELAM Class of 2005



**Dr. Yessenia Herrera Ruiz** (1981–2020) Panama ELAM Class of 2005



**Dr. Orlando Julio Isacc King** (1979–2020) Venezuela ELAM Class of 2005



**Dr. Luis Fernando Orozco Andrade** (1977–2020) Guatemala ELAM Class of 2005



**Dr. Ambrosio-Moyo Ondo Ayecaba** (1974–2020) Equatorial Guinea ELAM Class of 2007



**Dr. Roger Layme Salgueiro** (1984–2020) Bolivia ELAM Class of 2011

Source: Department of International Relations, ELAM, October 7, 2020.

## **Feature**



**Dr. José Humberto Paredes Abanto** (1988–2020) Peru ELAM Class of 2011



**Dr. Sara Chambi Méndez** (1988–2020) Bolivia ELAM Class of 2012



**Dr. Juan Orellana Cardenas** (1986–2020) Bolivia ELAM Class of 2012



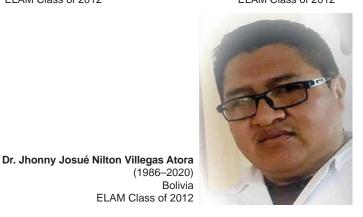
**Dr. Edgar Patricio Aynaguano Uño** (1984–2020) Ecuador ELAM Class of 2012



**Dr. Nemecio Choque Niño** (1983–2020) Bolivia ELAM Class of 2012



**Dr. Hebert Ortuño Vallejos** (1985–2020) Bolivia ELAM Class of 2012





**Dr. Mariano Luis Barrios Lijerón** (1989–2020) Bolivia ELAM Class of 2012



**Dr. Martín Adolfo Morales Figueredo** (1986–2020) Bolivia ELAM Class of 2012



**Dr. Job Gerardo Villanueva Núñez** (1987–2020) Honduras ELAM Class of 2012



**Dr. Alberto Arteaga Jiménez** (1985–2020) Bolivia ELAM Class of 2013

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