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


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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.



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



**Dr. Jhonny Josué Nilton Villegas Atora**  
(1986–2020)  
Bolivia  
ELAM Class of 2012



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

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