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Dear Colleagues,

The Faculty Senate recently voted to approve the MD degree and, while there were many of us inside the Elson S Floyd College of Medicine working on this, we want to take this opportunity to thank those within WSU but outside of the College of Medicine that were so instrumental in getting this across the finish line.

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With sincere thanks and appreciation.

Regards,

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Founding Dean