WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Hill Auditorium
Sunday, July 23, 2023
2:00 P.M. EDT

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PROCESSION OF STUDENTS

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PRESENTATION OF WHITE COATS, STETHOSCOPES,
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WHITE COAT PLEDGE

Lisa Chionis
M.D. Candidate, Class of 2024

CLOSING REMARKS

Seetha U. Monrad, M.D.

RECESSION OF STUDENTS
Students of the University of Michigan Medical School:

The U-M Medical School White Coat Ceremony marks a significant first step in your promising careers, which will be filled with inspiring and rewarding moments as you dedicate yourselves to helping others.

It is an honor to celebrate this meaningful occasion and welcome you into the Medical School community. This event recognizes your efforts, achievements, and passion for medicine, as well as your commitment to improving the lives of those who will come to you in times of need.

As you look around the auditorium today, you will see many people who are excited to be part of your journey and will be there to offer support along the way. Family, friends, administrators, faculty, alumni, and your fellow classmates are all here to provide encouragement and guidance during any challenges — and will also share in the joy of your success.

Over the next few years, you will build the knowledge, skills, and understanding that will make you great physicians, caregivers, researchers, and leaders. You will develop bold new ideas and find endless opportunities for growth. And you will leave medical school ready to change lives.

The white coat you will put on today is a powerful symbol of compassion, care, and professionalism. It is also a reminder of the dreams and hard work that have brought you here. Never lose sight of what inspired you to become a physician. Wherever medicine takes you, and no matter the ups and downs you might face, you can always think back to this moment to recall how eager you were to make a difference by serving others.

We look forward to seeing the impact you will have on the U-M Medical School and health care in the years to come.

Congratulations and Go Blue!

Samantha Spencer (M.D. 2000)
President, Michigan Medicine Alumni Society

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UMMS WHITE COAT PLEDGE

This statement of ideals was written by members of the graduating Class of 2018 Gold Humanism Honor Society for incoming medical students at the University of Michigan.

As you don a white coat and start your medical studies, we invite you to make a resolute commitment to empathy and integrity in all you do:

I will listen to each patient’s unique human story.

I will mind my biases and treat every patient with compassion.

I will assume the best in others and be kind.

I will support my colleagues as we join to care for patients.

I will appreciate my opportunities in this profession and advance them for all who follow.

I will care for myself as I care for my patients.

I will forgive myself for my mistakes and learn from them.

I will strive for excellence while being mindful of my limits and those of medicine.

In moments of sleeplessness, stress, and self-doubt, may you recall this pledge and its optimism.

Reorient yourself and recommit yourself. Although you may not always live up to your ideals, you are a good person and future physician.

We wish you the best!

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LETTER TO THE CLASS OF 2023 and WHITE COAT PLEDGE
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