The University of North Carolina

White Coat Ceremony
in Honor of the Class of 2025

Memorial Hall
Saturday, September 10, 2022
10:00 AM
White Coat Ceremony for Class of 2025

Welcome
A. Wesley Burks, M.D.
Dean, UNC School of Medicine
Vice Chancellor for Medical Affairs; CEO, UNC Health

Introduction of the Keynote Speaker
Cristen Page, M.D., M.P.H.
Executive Dean, UNC School of Medicine
William B. Aycock Distinguished Professor, Family Medicine

Keynote Speaker
Joseph Pino, M.D., M.H.A.
Executive Director, South East Area Health Education Center
Associate Dean and Campus Director, UNC School of Medicine, Wilmington Campus
Senior Vice President of Medical Education, Novant Health

The Coating
Alice Chuang, M.D., M.Ed., F.A.C.O.G.
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs; Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Catherine Coe, M.D., Patient Centered Care Course Director
Thomas Koonce, M.D., M.P.H., Patient Centered Care Course Director

Faculty Coating the Class of 2025
Sofia Aliaga, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.A.P.
Laura Cannon, M.D.
Dana Doctor, M.D.
Ashley Henderson, M.D.
Koyal Jain, M.D., M.P.H.
Rasheeda Monroe, M.D., F.A.A.P.
Luigi Pascarella, M.D., F.A.C.S.
Marcella Willis-Gray, M.D.
Lindsay Wilson, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.P., A.G.S.F.

Closing Remarks
Dean Wesley Burks

Thank you to today’s marshals: Delaney Dalldorf (2023) and Alexis Flen (2024)
Yara Abumohsen  
Leah Adams  
Rizk Alghorazi  
Natalie Almond  
Gerardo Alvarado  
Bhavana Ambil  
Rachelle Ambroise  
Bina Amin  
Salomon Ariza  
Justin Ashby  
Kainat Aslam  
Imani Bazemore  
Cathleen Beliveau  
Dustin Belliston-Fowkes  
Lily Bender  
Hannah Black  
Kristel Black  
Amita Bollapragada  
Anna Caffrey Bottoms  
Andrew Bouffler  
Kaylah Brown  
Nicole Buddenbaum  
Hannah Bultman  
Blair Byrd  
Elizabeth Cambranis  
Brendiera Cameron  
Reece Carter  
Alexander Casimir  
Anna Castellano  
Supriya Caton  
Jobin Chandi  
Christopher Cheever  
Annie Chen  
Sammy Chouffani El Fassi  
Farhan Chowdry  
Austin Coale  
Adelaide Cooke  
Gabrielle Cooper  
Linda Council  
Camil Craciunescu  
Ricardo Crespo Regalado  
Rajeshree Das  
Olivia Davis  
Stephen Demeny  
Preeya Deol  
Karishma Desai  
Shivani Desai  
Meera Deva  
Khar Dieng-Diatta  
Aaron Dobbs  
Marcus Donnelly  
Coby Dorsey  
Michael Dunn  
Bernadette Ebri  
Obinna Ejimofor  
Anis El Marzouki  
Emerald Feng  
Kimberly Fernandez  
Eliza Filene  
Andrea Filozof  
Henry Fisher  
Maria Fonseca  
Victoria Fonseca  
Erina Fujino  
Grace Fuller  
Simon Ghofrani  
Scott Giberson  
Jessica Gingles  
Hailey Glover  
Ismael Gonzalez  
Benjamin Gray  
Kira Griffith  
Mohamad Hajjar  
Nzia Hall  
Mallory Happ  
Melanie Hardee  
Rachel Hardison  
Andrew Harmon  
Lauren Harrell  
William Jeremiah Henderson  
Tori Hester  
William Hiatt  
Madisyn Hill  
Mia Hodges  
William Hoffert  
James Hong  
Elana Jaffe  
Rhea Jain  
Carmeli Jeannot  
Darius Johnson  
Youngsun Jyang  
Lindsay Klickstein  
Emily Kounlavong  
Natasha Kulick  
Cameron Kurz  
Madeleine Laughon  
Jason Lee  
Joanmarie Lewandowski  
Catherine Li  
Jarred Lobo  
Callan Loflin  
Madison Long  
Kara Lopez-Lengowski  
Victor Madormo  
Justin Magin  
Diana Marquez  
William Martin  
Amaya Martinez Mesa  
Colen Martini  
Makayla Matthews  
Brazil McCray  
Patrick McLane  
Noah McMurry  
Timothy Meade  
Jonathan Mengistu  
Seyed Mirmozaffari  
Michael Mohnasky  
Lindsey Molina  
Jarrett Moon  
Matthew Moravec  
Gergely Mozes  
Emma Myers  
Meera Nagaraj  
Claire Namboodri  
Annie Nelson  
Payton Newsome  
Alexander Nguyen  
Diana Nguyen  
Victoria Nguyen  
Stephanie Ntim  
Justice Obasohan  
Elizabeth Olsson  
Samuel O’Rourke  
Gustavo Panduro Vargas  
Meera Parikh  
Michala Patterson  
Melanie Payne  
Dakota Perez  
Marineldea Perlesshi  
Minakshi Pillai  
Grayson Privette  
Soha Raja  
Adilene Ramirez  
Tooba Rashid  
Amelia Ray  
Saigopal Reddy  
Pirapat Rerkpattanapipat  
Julius Reynolds  
Charles Roethling  
Peter Said  
David Sanders  
Vivi Diana Santana-Bueno  
Noah Schlachter  
Rebecca Schopfer  
Zachary Schrank  
Quiara Shade  
Dimitry Shitarev  
Yousif Shwetar  
Anameeka Singh  
Margaret Anne Smith  
Harini Sridhar  
Noah Steege  
Briana Stevens  
Nehemiah Stewart  
Spencer Sullivan  
Samuel Tate  
Emma Taylor  
Jaclyn Ticatic  
Evan Trice  
Sydney Tucker  
Shanmugapriya Vasan  
Aaron Viser  
Trang Vo  
Joshua Walker  
Caroline Walton  
Jacqueline Warren  
Matthew Washko  
Syeda Wasti  
Kathryn Watkins  
Mya Webb  
Katherine Welch  
Sidha Williams  
Connor Willis-Hong  
Daniel Winecoff  
Jacob Wrobel  
Elgin Yalin  
Haejung Yoon  
Jacqueline Zanders  
Samantha Zarrick  
Alan Zhao  
Zada Zhong
The History of the White Coat Ceremony

The first White Coat Ceremony was held at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University in New York in 1993, supported by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation. The purpose of the ceremony is to clarify for students, prior to their entrance into the medical community, that a physician’s responsibility is to take care of, and to care about, their patients. In other words, doctors should care as well as cure. The White Coat Ceremony captures our students’ attention at a strategic and impressionable moment, and it is important that family members and friends are invited to attend. An inspiring address by an eminent physician sets the tone for the ceremony in which distinguished faculty and administrators from the medical school cloak students with their first white coats. Students recite a student-written adaptation of the Hippocratic Oath appropriate for their status as students, pledging to lead upright lives of compassion and honor. The ceremony is designed to stress the importance of the doctor-patient relationship and to foster a psychological contract in which each student accepts responsibility to be technically excellent, committed to the profession, and compassionate with patients.

Previous Invited White Coat Ceremony Speakers

1999: Warren P. Newton, M.D., M.P.H.
2000: C. Stewart Rodgers, M.D.
2001: Jordan Cohen, M.D.
2002: Katherine Huffman Falk, M.D.
2003: Jane McCaleb, M.D.
2004: Joseph T. Bell, M.D.
2005: M. Patricia Rivera, M.D.
2006: L. Allen Dobson, Jr., M.D.
2007: Nicholas J. Shaheen, M.D., M.P.H.
2008: Warren P. Newton, M.D., M.P.H.
2009: Richard A. Vinroot, Jr., M.D., M.P.H.
2010: Jeffrey Heck, M.D.
2011: Michael L. Barringer, M.D.
2012: Stephen E. Buie, M.D.
2013: Cedric Bright, M.D., F.A.C.P.
2014: Julie S. Byerley, M.D., M.P.H.
2015: Benjamin Gilmer, M.D., M.S.
2016: Harold C. Pillsbury III, M.D., F.A.C.S.
2017: Keïsha L. Gibson, M.D., M.P.H.
2018: Beat Steiner, M.D., M.P.H
2019: Amy Bryant, M.D., M.S.C.R.
2021: Kimberley Nichols, M.D., F.A.S.A.
Recitation of “The Physician’s Pledge”

AS A MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION:

I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE to dedicate my life to the service of humanity;

THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF MY PATIENT will be my first consideration;

I WILL RESPECT the autonomy and dignity of my patient;

I WILL MAINTAIN the utmost respect for human life;

I WILL NOT PERMIT considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing, or any other factor to intervene between my duty and my patient;

I WILL RESPECT the secrets that are confided in me, even after the patient has died;

I WILL PRACTICE my profession with conscience and dignity and in accordance with good medical practice;

I WILL FOSTER the honor and noble traditions of the medical profession;

I WILL GIVE to my teachers, colleagues, and students the respect and gratitude that is their due;

I WILL SHARE my medical knowledge for the benefit of the patient and the advancement of health care;

I WILL ATTEND TO my own health, wellbeing, and abilities in order to provide care of the highest standard;

I WILL NOT USE my medical knowledge to violate human rights and civil liberties, even under threat;

I MAKE THESE PROMISES solemnly, freely, and upon my honor.